



**St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Parish**  
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Dear Volunteer,

Protecting God's children is an awareness program designed to create a safer environment for our children. The purpose of the program is to make every adult employee and volunteer in the diocese aware of the issues surrounding sexual abuse. This awareness session helps adults learn to recognize and respond to the warning signs of abuse.

**Anyone who is planning to assist in any of our volunteer programs this year will be expected to attend one of the scheduled seminars, if you have not already attended.** This includes coaches, holiday party helpers, art moms, Learning Center volunteers, pizza helpers, fieldtrip chaperones, religious education teachers, guest readers, etc. Additionally, a criminal background check will be required. **If you attended a session in a previous year, you do not need to attend again.**

Mrs. Nancy McKnight and Mrs. Patti Sue Stolfe will be facilitating several sessions at St. Philip the Apostle Parish. You may attend a session at any other parish if the dates and times are more convenient.

Please review the dates and times of the scheduled workshops by going to: **www.virtus.org**. Once you are on the Virtus site, you can view the available sessions and register on-line.

Thank you for being one of the caring adults who will help keep our children safe!

Sincerely yours,

*Shar Mirabelli*

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