

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

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Dear Families of St. Patrick School,

In September of 2003, the Archdiocese announced a new program entitled, "Covenant to Protect Children". The program was put in place to insure that all of our children are safe in the hands of caring adults. As part of the covenant, all employees and volunteers (including coaches) who work with children on a regular basis are asked to comply with the requirements of the program. There are three mandatory things to be done: a criminal background check and a completed DCSF form, attendance at a two-hour training session, and continuing education online.

If you would like to volunteer in the school at any time, we suggest that you obtain this training and complete the background checks. Without this being done, you will not be able to volunteer. The background check is done online. All instructions and forms are posted on our website under Parent Resources, Virtus Training. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our school office and we can make the necessary arrangements for you to complete your background check. The DCSF form must be completed and returned to the school office as well as the Code of Conduct. These items must be done before any volunteering is done for the school. If you have not already completed these items, please call the school office and we will have the forms ready for you.

Volunteers and employees are also required to attend the "Protecting God's Children" training session designed by the Virtus Group. This is a two-hour program and you can go online to register ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)). There are many sessions scheduled throughout the Archdiocese. St. Patrick's will host a session here in Dyer Hall as well. The date for St. Patrick's is Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:15 PM. At the end of the training session, you will be informed about continuing education online. The school office monitors this program to insure that all employees and volunteers meet the requirements before working with children. If you have volunteered previously and have completed all requirements, you are in compliance with this policy. However, **we are now required to submit a DCFS form every year for anyone volunteering or working in the Catholic School system.** Please check with the school office if you have questions regarding your status.

It is the hope of the Archdiocese and all of its agencies to keep our children safe both now and into the future. This program is designed to educate and strengthen us as we care for God's children. We are so grateful for your service to our children.

Sincerely,

Marcella A. Bosnak  
Principal