

Virtus Class for

Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first-time registrant.
 - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization - from the drop down list select Rockville Centre – Safe Environment.
 - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
 - d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
 - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.
2. Background Screening Application:
 - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
 - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. **DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION!** If you stop, you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
 - c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee by the Diocese.
 - d. After completing the application, hit the “submit” button.

The next class offered at Holy Cross will be held on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 6pm. Please register for this class from the Virtus website. No walk-ins will be admitted. Please contact Tricia Clarke at 631-265-2200 x112 for more information.