

May 3, 2006

In a letter from the Archdiocese of Detroit to all parishes dated April 24, 2006, there has been an update to the Safe Environment Policy for the Diocese. These are the major changes to the policy.

- 1) As in the past a criminal background check must be completed for all employees and all volunteers in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- 2) All Volunteers in the Archdiocese of Detroit who work with children under the age of 18 must attend the Protecting God's Children Seminar. They also must be given the AOD Volunteer Code of Conduct before they begin their volunteer work.
- 3) The parish must keep a secured record for every volunteer and staff person that contains their Criminal background check (doing now), their Certificate of Participation in the Protecting God's Children Seminar and the date they received the AOD Code of Conduct.
- 4) There is a new release form to be filled out by volunteers to allow us to run a criminal background check. The major information requested on the new form are name, date of birth, address, driver's license number and release signature.