

TO: All adults working as volunteers with the children and youth of
St. Basil the Great

FROM: Fr. Walt Jenne

RE: Guidelines and Procedures for the Safety and Protection of Children

Your desire to serve this community by ministering to our children is very much appreciated. Following are the requirements set by the Diocese of Cleveland that must be met by all that volunteer to work with our children and teens.

The **Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse: Revised, 2007** and the **Diocese “Standards of Conduct for Ministry”** have been issued by the Diocese of Cleveland and represent a proactive stance in keeping all children safe from any harm. Both the policy and the standards must be read and the signed acknowledgement form returned to the Parish Office. Both can be obtained on-line through the Diocese of Cleveland website. Click on Child Protection to access both forms.

Virtus Training is also required for all volunteers. You can register for a session through the same link on the diocese website. A copy of your certificate of completion must be turned in to the Parish Office.

Fingerprinting is the last requirement. If you have been fingerprinted recently, please submit a copy to the Parish Office. Arrangements to be fingerprinted are to be made through the Parish Office.

It is very important that we all serve as role models for the children and teens we serve. Our relationships with children/teens should reflect the highest Christian values and moral standards. We have the responsibility for setting a tone of mutual respect.

Please know that your service and ministry is greatly appreciated as well as your doing the necessary steps listed above to insure the safety and protection of the children. We could not even begin to do or provide the programs and ministries we provide at St. Basil the Great without you. We are blessed in many ways.