

# Protecting God's Children (for Adults 18+)

Parish and Catholic school employees and volunteers, over the age of eighteen, who work with children and young people in the Diocese of Buffalo, are required to attend a sexual abuse awareness session. The three and one half hour workshops are scheduled at the following times and locations:

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## September

Sep 16 at 3:00 PM St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute (Buffalo)  
 Sep 19 at 9:00 AM Church of the Annunciation (Elma)  
 Sep 19 at 9:30 AM Good Shepherd Church (N. Tonawanda)  
 Sep 22 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)  
 Sep 24 at 6:00 PM St. Amelia Church (Tonawanda)  
 Sep 26 at 9:00 AM St. Amelia Church (Tonawanda)

## October

Oct 3 at 8:30 AM Holy Family of J.M.J. (Belmont)  
 Oct 3 at 9:00 AM St. Leo the Great Church (Amherst)  
 Oct 7 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

## October (Con't)

Oct 8 at 6:00 PM SS. Joachim and Anne Church (Attica)  
 Oct 20 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)  
 Oct 22 at 6:00 PM St. Peter School (Lewiston)  
 Oct 24 at 9:00 AM Our Lady of Peace Church (Clarence)  
 Oct 27 at 6:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Church (Niagara Falls)  
 Oct 27 at 6:00 PM St. Joseph Regional School (Batavia)

## November (Con't)

Nov 3 at 6:00 PM St. John Paul II (Lake View)  
 Nov 10 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

**Face Coverings are  
Required for all  
Participants**

### Registration and Additional Workshops:

All workshops are scheduled at the request  
of parishes and schools.

### For an updated list of workshops or to register:

Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and then click on "First Time Registration"

– OR Go To –

[www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children](http://www.buffalodiocese.org/protecting-gods-children)

**To report sexual misconduct of a minor by a member of clergy (priest or deacon), an employee, or a volunteer, contact the civil authorities and the Diocese of Buffalo.**

### Victim Assistance Coordinator:

**Jacqueline Joy Phone: (716) 895-3010 [jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org](mailto:jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org)**

**To report sexual misconduct by a bishop, contact the national reporting hotline or reporting website.**

**Call the hotline: (800) 276-1562 On the web: [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org)**



**Safe Environment Coordinators:** Download updated copies of this schedule:  
 Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and login. Then click "My Diocese tab"  
 Go to "My Forms" section (left side of screen) then find "Admin- Protecting God's Children Schedule"

## Working Together to Create a Safe Environment for Our Children

### Safe Environment Requirements for Adults:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children Workshop and continue ongoing training bulletins/re-certifications
2. Complete a standardized employment/volunteer application
3. Sign the Code of Conduct
4. Check at least 2 references
5. Conduct a criminal background check through the Diocese

### Pre-registration is REQUIRED

To register for an upcoming workshop:

#### Register on the Internet:

Go to <http://www.buffalodiocese.org>  
 Click on "Protecting God's Children"  
 (look on the left side of screen)

**OR Check with your parish/school for registration help**