

# 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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## March

Mar. 12 at 6:00 PM St. Mary (Holley)  
Mar. 20 at 6:00 PM Blessed Sacrament (Tonawanda)  
Mar. 23 at 9:00 AM Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Depew)  
Mar. 28 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

## April

Apr. 2 at 6:00 PM St. Mary's Elementary Sch (Lancaster)  
**Apr. 11 at 6:00 PM St Christopher at the St. Edmund  
Worship site (Tonawanda)**  
Apr. 25 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

## May

May 11 at 12:30 PM St Mary Church (Canaseraga)  
May 23 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

## June

Jun. 13 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

## July

Jul. 11 at 12:30 PM Catholic Center (Buffalo)

### Registration and Additional Workshops:

Workshops are scheduled at the request of parishes and schools.

**For an updated list of Protecting God's Children 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 abuse** of a minor by a member of clergy (priest or deacon), an employee, or a volunteer, please **contact the civil authorities** and the Diocese of Buffalo

**Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

**Jacqueline Joy**

**Phone: (716) 895-3010 e-mail: [jacqueline.joy@ccwny.org](mailto:jacqueline.joy@ccwny.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 STRONGLY encouraged

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

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