

VOLUNTEERING MINISTRIES PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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We here at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish have been fulfilling the mandate of the Diocese of Pittsburgh concerning Protecting God's Children. We are so thankful that an overwhelming majority of those in Parish Ministry Volunteer Positions have realized the importance of this requirement and have had with little objection completed that which is necessary for them to continue to serve our Parish Family. We thank them for that, and certainly appreciate the great service that they continue to offer to the spiritually-enriched volunteering of our Parish Family.

Susan Urso, our Parish Administrative Assistant and Safe Environment Administrator, is always willing and available to help those in need. Simply call the rectory and Susan will help complete the National Database Register with you.

- ~ Complete the National Diocesan Data Base
- ~ Complete the waiver, giving permission to send for your Child Abuse Clearance
- ~ Complete the Child Abuse Clearance Application Form
- ~ Complete a Protecting God's Workshop offered on the National Diocesan Data Base.
- ~ Complete an FBI Fingerprint Waiver if residing in Pennsylvania for 10 years or more.

No volunteer will be accepted into the Parish Ministry Volunteer Program without having completed these requirements.

We ask that those who have yet to complete these requirements, who have been serving us so generously in our Parish for many years, to please do so. There is no doubt about the wonderful background of all our volunteers and the purpose of this process is not to cast doubts on anyone. Yet we must be honest with all those who bring their children and other vulnerable people to the events of our Parish, that they can be absolutely assured that ALL PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS will keep an eye out for the members of their family in case a predator for personal gain attempts to use one of our parish events, that includes hundreds of people who gather with us. We ask that you, as a PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER, representing our Parish, be alert to any situation that might offend the dignity of any other person!

Sincerely,

Father Timothy Whalen
Pastor

Susan A. Urso
Safe Environment Administrator