

VIRTUS FAQ's

What is VIRTUS Protecting God's Children?

Protecting God's Children is a training conducted by VIRTUS certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse.

Who is required to take Virtus classes?

Any parent/teacher/faculty/staff member who works or volunteers or has any direct contact with students.

How long is Virtus valid?

It is valid for 4 years and may be renewed with a 90 minute recertification class or you may register online immediately following your initial 3 class to receive monthly bulletins to stay current** see facilitator for details.

My VIRTUS is about to expire. What are my options?

All clergy staff & volunteers who previously volunteered in VIRTUS Protecting God's Children are required to be VIRTUS recertified every four years. Recertification takes place on or before the date of the last certificate.

Recertification options include:

- Attending the 90 minute VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Alive Recertification
- Repeating the Initial 3-Hour VIRTUS Protecting God's Children
- Qualifying for an Option #3 Recertification by reading 48 on-line VIRTUS Bulletins over the 4 year period

Please contact Lisa Feliciano at LFeliciano@stmel.org with any question.