

Dear Parish Volunteer or Employee,

We are all aware of the grave problem of the abuse of children that exists within society. Each of us must do all that we can to help protect those children entrusted to us. This is especially important for those that work and minister in the Church. As a critical part of our safe environment policy, the Diocese of Pittsburgh has a centralized electronic database of those over the age of 18 who work and minister in the Church. The centralized diocesan database is our means to ensure that the Church – locally and nationally – not only fulfills the mandate of the Church in the United States as outlined in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the clear requirements of the 2004 diocesan policy, but also meets the requirements of state and federal law.

Completing the application that will create your file for the diocesan database will take about 20 minutes of your time. If you have access to the Internet at home, at work, or at the local library, you can complete the application online. If you do not have access to the Internet, or are uncomfortable completing the application online, you can complete a paper copy of the application, and return it to the parish.

Whether you complete the application online or manually, there are still some forms that need to be accessed from, and returned to, the parish office, in care of the Safe Environment Coordinator, Tess Keddie. The paperwork required is located on the St. Anthony Bookshelf, located on the ramp of the entrance to the Bayley Building, just inside Holy Family Hall (narthex).

Please refer to the Safe Environment Compliance Instructions <http://seascarnegie.org/safeenvironmentcomplianceinstructions.pdf> for further details.

Thank you so much for all you do for the Church, and for doing your part in helping to ensure that our parish is a safe environment for our children.