

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO BE A PROTECTOR OF CHILDREN

REVISED NOTICE

Monday August 28 and *Wednesday September 27* 7PM

Thursday November 16 7PM Men Only

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall under the Church

PLEASE PREREGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE at www.virtus.org

3 hour **“PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN (PGC)”**

Course mandated by the Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey for their volunteers including all groups meeting on Catholic properties or sponsored by Catholic institutions. This course meets requirements for **3 hours professional development credit**.

To view a list of all diocesan PGC classes and preregister please log onto www.virtus.org, then select Registration/ View a list of Sessions/ Metuchen, NJ Diocese and then Immaculate Conception Annandale so that adequate materials and set up can be arranged. For persons required by the Catholic Church to take the course computer registration is mandated.

These programs are open to anyone interested in learning about child abuse and most particularly, child sexual abuse, in the United States. The primary purpose is to arm volunteers with the knowledge necessary to keep children safe, to identify persons and practices that represent a threat to children, to understand legal obligations and pitfalls and to change caring adults’ behavior in ways that will make it more difficult for predators of children to succeed. *Additionally, the new third edition/2015 version, discusses internet/cyber issues impacting our youth with advice to parents on how to protect their children.*

The Protecting God’s Children program is restricted to adults who are defined as persons over 18 who have graduated from high school; however some classes have a special teen leader section available upon advance discussion with the instructor.

Attendees are asked to arrive on time and remain the entire class to receive credentials for attendance. No children are permitted present.

Although teaching “Catholic” policies the program material is both universal and ecumenical; aimed at all who honor a duty to God, family and community. The trainer for ICC is Nora Burke Klippstein (Pah.trained@gmail.com).

The www.virtus.org website is a valuable resource for anyone interested in keeping all children from age 0 to 18 safe. Check it out for a course preview.