

VOLUNTEER'S MANDATORY COMPLIANCE FOR THE "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" PROGRAM

All Catholic Dioceses and Archdioceses have instituted programs whereby they are taking all possible steps to ensure the safety of our children. A very important part of these programs involves doing criminal background checks on all employees and individuals who come in direct contact with our children. All volunteers at St. Francis Xavier are in this category.

We encourage all parents to give serious consideration to completing this program, since only adults who have completed the required components may volunteer in the day school, school of religious education or parish in any way with our children.

The Office for the Protection of Children & Youth has streamlined the registration process and submission of background check for volunteers. Now all parent volunteers (who have not already completed the program) are asked to visit:

<http://www.virtusonline.org> where you will register for a Virtus session called Protecting God's Children for Adults. When you do, volunteers will also be asked to submit their background check in the Virtus System that will include these required documents: **Download the DCFS/CANTS form and the Code of Conduct form. Complete and sign each form and send to Mrs. Peggy Evans at the Main Campus Office.** Your registration in the Virtus site will provide information for a background check which you will authorize on the last page.

Step by step instructions for the Virtus site process can be found by [clicking this link](#).

Thank you for volunteering your time and talents to St. Francis Xavier School. If you'd like to check your level of completion, please contact Mrs. Evans at either 352-2175 or pevans@sfxlg.org.