

Registration Instructions

Before or after attending an instructor-led (live) session, all participants **must** register with **VIRTUS Online**.

Click on this link to access the VIRTUS Registration page:

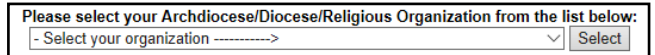
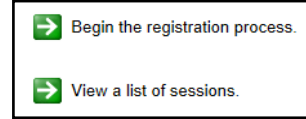
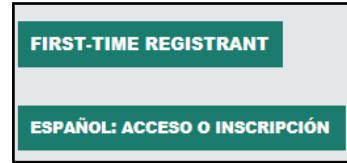
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Or:

Go to <http://www.virtusonline.org>

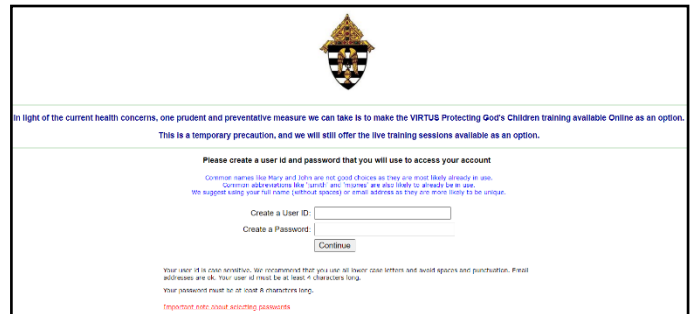
On the left side of the screen, click on **First-Time Registrant** to begin registration. To proceed, click on Begin the registration process.

Select the name of your organization **Gary** - Diocese (from the pull-down menu, by clicking the downward arrow and highlighting your organization). Once your organization is highlighted, click Select.



Create a User ID and Password you can easily remember. This is necessary for all participants. This establishes your account with the VIRTUS program. If your preferred User ID is already taken, please choose another ID. We suggest the use of email addresses as usernames.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

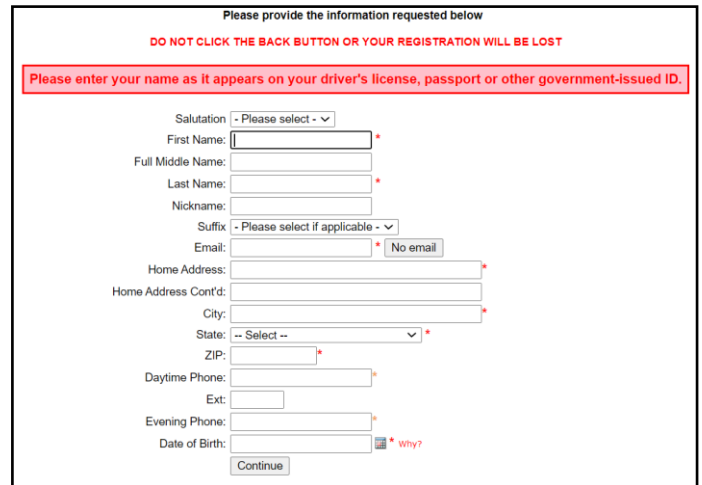


Provide **all** the information requested on the screen. Several fields are required, including: First & Last Name, Email Address, Home Address, City, State, Zip, Phone Number, and Date of Birth.

(Note: Do not click the back button or your registration will be lost.)

Click **Continue** to proceed.

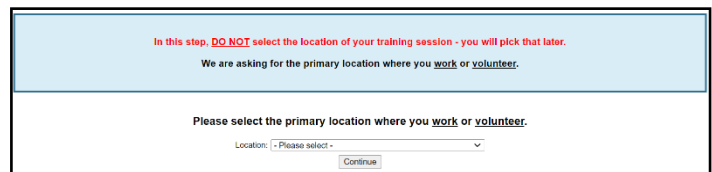
If you do not have an email address, consider obtaining a free email account at mail.yahoo.com, or any other free service. This is necessary for your Safe Environment Coordinator to communicate with you. If you cannot obtain an email address, enter: noaddress@virtus.org.



Select the **PRIMARY** location where you work or volunteer by clicking the downward arrow and highlighting the location.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Note: If you serve at multiple diocesan locations, you will be prompted to select those additional locations in future screen(s).



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Select the role(s) that you serve within the Diocese of Gary and/or parish/school. (Use descriptions supplied, to help determine appropriate role(s) to select.)

Please check **all** roles that apply.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Please select the primary location where you work or volunteer:
 Location: (All Saints Hammond) [v]
 Please select at least one primary role you perform at this location:

- Employee**
Salaries persons (other than priests/deacons or teachers) who are employed (full time and part time) by and work directly for parishes and schools such as parish and youth ministers, school support staff (Development Director, secretary, maintenance), rectory personnel (secretary, business manager, housekeeper), etc.
- Volunteer**
Non-salaried persons who assist the diocese and parishes and/or schools: religious education catechists, volunteer youth ministers, coaches, parent volunteers, etc.
- Priest**
Includes any religious order or diocesan priest in active or supply ministry (including 'retired' priests who continue to celebrate the occasional Mass, wedding, baptism, etc.) since these activities put them in a position to be around children.
- Deacon**
Includes any deacon in active or supply ministry (including 'retired' deacons who continue to celebrate the occasional Mass, wedding, baptism, etc.) since these activities put them in a position to be around children.
- Candidate for ordination**
Includes seminarians, candidates for the diaconate, and candidates for the diaconate who are over the age of 18. Also includes, those men who are in their final year of the Diocese of Gary Lay Ministry Formation program to become a Deacon.
- Educator**
Selected teachers and principals in diocesan and parish elementary and high schools.

Please select any additional roles you perform at this location:

- Catechist**
- Coach**
A person who coaches an athletic team in an elementary or high school, whether paid or volunteer.
- Principal**
An administrator of an elementary or high school for the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Gary.
- Parent**

If you have a title please enter it below.
 If you do not have a title, please briefly describe what you do.

Title or Position of service: _____
 [Continue]

Your selected location(s) are displayed on the screen.

Select **YES**, if you need to add secondary/additional locations. (Follow instructions in previous step to select additional locations.)

Otherwise, if your list of locations is complete, select **NO**.

You have chosen following locations and roles:

All Saints (Hammond)
 • Volunteer ✓

Are you associated with any other locations?

[Yes] [No]

Please answer the four questions.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Are you a parent or guardian of a child under 18?
 Yes
 No

Do you interact with, work with or come into contact with minors of this archdiocese/diocese/religious organization?
 Yes
 No

Do you interact with, work with or come into contact with vulnerable adults of this archdiocese/diocese/religious organization?
 Yes
 No

Do you manage, supervise or oversee employees or volunteers on behalf of this archdiocese/diocese/religious organization in any capacity?
 Yes
 No

[Continue]

Please review the following and respond:


➤ **Code of Conduct for the Diocese of Gary**

To proceed, please **Confirm** by clicking on: "I have downloaded, read, and understand these guidelines" and enter your full name and today's date.

Click on **Continue**.

Diocese of Gary, IN

Practical Guidelines for a Safe Environment for our Youth



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I have downloaded, read, and understand these guidelines.

Please provide an electronic signature to confirm you have read the above documents:

Full Name (first, middle and last)*: _____ (John D. Smith)
 Today's Date*: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

[Continue]

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If you have **not** attended a **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** session, choose **NO**.

Otherwise, choose **YES**.

Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?

If you chose **NO** during the previous step, you will be presented with a list of upcoming **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children in-person** or **online** sessions scheduled for the **Diocese of Gary**.

When you find the instructor-led session training you wish to attend, click the circle -- and then click **Continue**.

(If you chose **YES** during the previous step, you will be presented with a list of all in-person **VIRTUS** sessions conducted in the **Diocese of Gary**. Choose the session you attended by clicking the downward arrow and highlighting the session -- then click **Continue**.)

Please select the session you wish to attend

- Protecting God's Children for Adults (Online Training)
- Protecting God's Children for Adults (Online Training in Spanish)
- Protecting God's Children for Adults
 - Where: St. Paul (Valparaiso)
 - When: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:00 PM
 - Estimated length of session: 3 hrs
 - Seances remaining: 20 of 25
 - Language: This session will be conducted in English
 - Notes: Enter through Door #1 of St. Paul Education Center. Training will be held in the school cafeteria. No one under the age of 18 years will be permitted to attend
 - Wheelchair accessible: Yes
 - Contact: Diane Matthey (219464892)

If you are required to complete a background check, please click on **Begin Background Check** to complete a background check on the Selection.com secure website.

There you go registering for a Protecting God's Children session and you've been asked to complete a background check. After you attend your session, your account request will be reviewed by your Coordinator.

Your registration is not complete

You must complete a background check

As part of our efforts to create and maintain a safe environment for the children and volunteers of our diocese, we have chosen Selection.com to do all our background checks.

It is important to submit your full legal name to run a proper background check

This is the information you entered

First: [inspiration](#)
 Middle:
 Last: [bookies](#)

Do you need to update this information to match your FULL, LEGAL name?

If you entered your full, legal name and are ready to continue, click the button below

By clicking this button, you will be directed to their secure website called [Fastrax](#)™.

You will be notified via email when your VIRTUS Online account is activated.

Within the secure website of **FASTRAX®**, please click on **Enter Background Check Info** to proceed.

Please complete the following steps within the background check process, which includes reviewing the inquiry release, entering applicant information, a final review, and the submission of the background check.

To contact the background check provider with any issues within **FASTRAX**, please contact the Selection.com helpdesk at 800-325-3609.

The Diocese of Gary welcomes you!

Protecting the children under the care of the Diocese of Gary is paramount. The parents of children at our parishes, schools and organizations have placed their trust in everyone who has contact with children. This includes not only clerics, employees and volunteers of the Diocese, but also members of religious orders and employees of other institutions that operate within the boundaries of the Diocese.

Everyone has a right to expect that we do everything possible to protect our children. Your participation in doing a background check is appreciated and we wish to thank you for doing your part to ensure the safety of our children.

Your Information
 Primary location: All Saints- Hammond

If you selected a live training session, you will see that listed under "Current Training."

If you selected online training, click on the link to complete your online training module.

<p>Current Training</p> <p>You have 1 online module assigned Register for training</p>	<p>Required Documents</p> <p>Your documents are current</p>	<p>Compliance Summary</p> <p>Not compliant</p>
<p>Contacts</p> <p>Your primary contact Kathy Lafakis klafakis@dcgary.org</p>	<p>My Info</p> <p>Your primary location Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center (Merrillville) Your primary role Volunteer</p>	<p>Reporting Abuse</p> <p>Click here for reporting options</p>

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If you chose online training, please click on the green circle to begin the Online Training.

Upon completion, the last screen will allow you to print a certificate and you can always log back into your account and access the certificate.

Online Training Modules

You must have a completed background check prior to service.

To begin your online training, please click the title of your assigned training:

 [Protecting God's Children® Online Awareness Session 4.0](#)
Assigned: 02/22/2023
Due: 03/08/2023

If you chose in-person training, you will receive an email of approval after you attend the training session.

If you have additional questions about VIRTUS Online training, please contact the VIRTUS Help Desk at 1-888-847-8870.

Thank you for completing the registration process!

