



Child and Youth Protection/Safe Environment Training

[Owner: Office of Human Resources]

The Diocese fully supports and follows ***The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People***, adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In response to this Charter, the Bishop of our diocese promulgated the **Policy Concerning Abuse or Neglect of Minors in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux** as particular for our diocese. All employees and volunteers working for the Diocese shall complete the child and youth protection requirements and training of the Diocese. This training provides the tools to help recognize and report child abuse. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Office of Child and Youth Protection, Safe Environment, or through the Diocesan website.

To begin the online Safe Environment Training go to <https://safeandsacred-htdiocese.org>.

The training includes the following:

- Self-Reporting Questionnaire and Statement
- Required National Background Screening (Screening One)
- Recognizing Child Abuse Course
- Professional Boundaries Course
- Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, Code of Conduct
- *Employee Profile Documentation

All employees shall complete the Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment Training upon hire and no later than the end of the first full week of employment. A Safe Environment Training Certificate will be issued when all of these steps are successfully completed.

**Employee Profile documentation: The Safe Environment Coordinator/Supervisor at your place of employment will request any needed information for your Safe Environment profile.*