



# Corpus Christi Parish

*"Building the Body of Christ"*



We strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community  
and invite **others** to join us on our journey.

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***September 24, 2023***

## **Prayer for Priests**

**Lord God, most holy,**  
we approach you in gratitude for  
your holy ordained priesthood.  
You have called these men to be  
set apart and to shepherd your  
people, as you shepherd your  
entire church.

We pray for them in their daily  
work.

Grant to them an increase in  
spiritual gifts and grace,  
so they may be prepared for  
the tasks at hand.

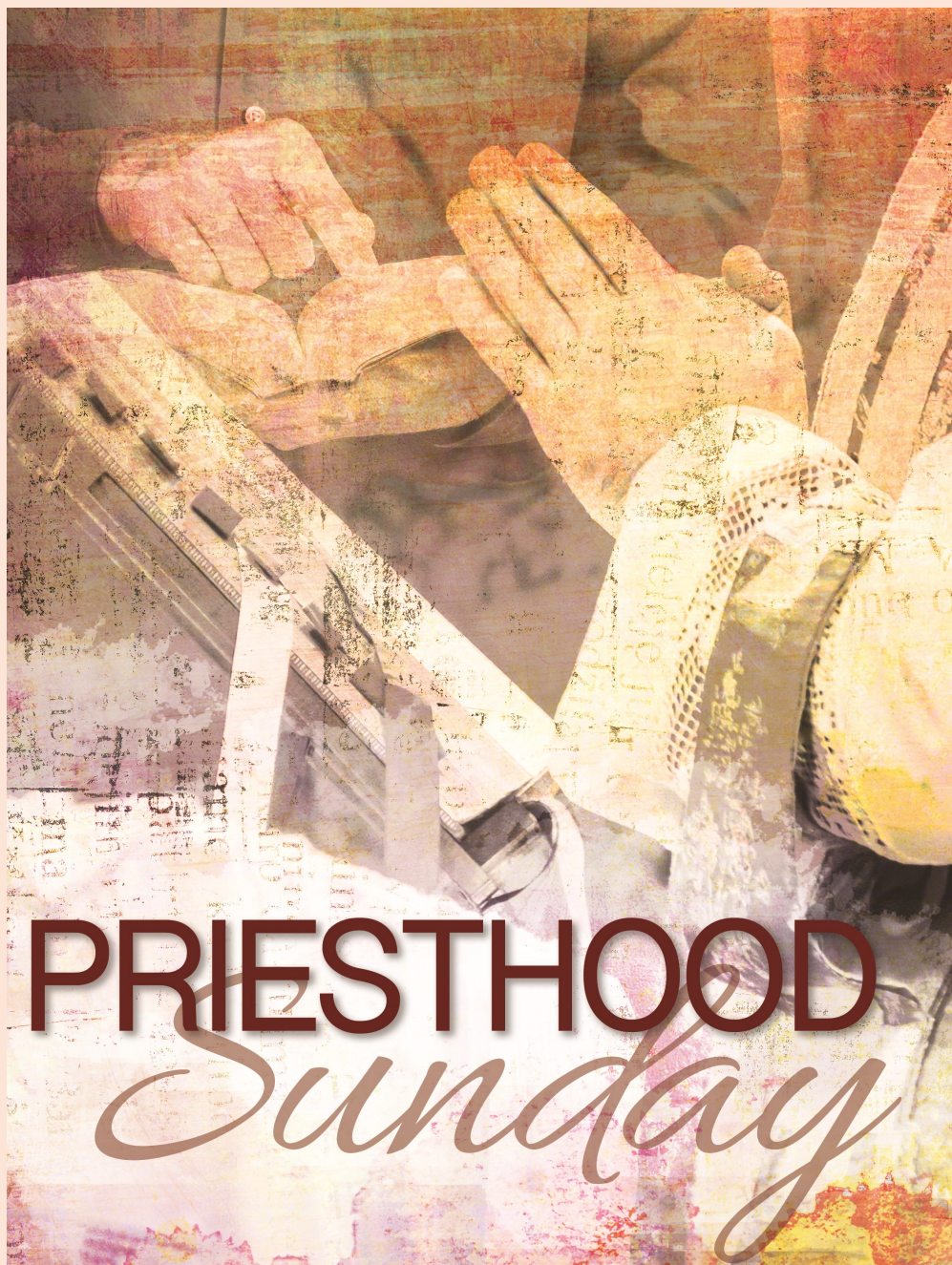
Lead them not into temptation  
and protect them from the grasp  
of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they  
confer that we encounter the  
divine in a real and profound  
way.

May your church never lose sight  
of these, your special sons, and  
may we, the body of Christ,  
never fail to cherish the gift of  
their lives, which they have freely  
given to you and your holy  
church.

**We ask this in the name of  
Jesus, your Son.**

**Amen.**



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**Parish Office Hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 4 pm**

**Saturday Mass 4 pm Sunday Masses 9 am and 11 am**

**Daily / Holy Day Masses** See weekly parish schedule

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1–3:45 pm;** during Penance services; by appointment (call the Parish Office)

**Sick Calls/Prayer Requests:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule or visit or add someone to parish prayer list

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

### Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget 2023 – 2024	\$ 7,213.00
Sunday Offerings 09/17/2023	\$ 6,352.08
<b>Over/Under</b> for the Budget Year	\$ 2,898.53

## The Week Ahead



### Monday, September 25

8:30 am **MASS**

7:00 pm Bible Study (Rainbow Room)



### Tuesday, September 26

8:30 am **MASS**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

5:00 pm - 6:30 am Finance Council (Virtual)

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm VON and SFE Ministry (Rainbow Room and Neighborhood)

### Wednesday, September 27

**NO MASS or Communion Service**

### Thursday, September 28

8:30 am **MASS**

9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

### Friday, September 29

8:30 am **MASS**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Personal Prayer (St. Eugene Chapel)

4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Bingo Night Fundraiser - OHPCA (Rainbow Room)

### Saturday, September 30

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center - Activities Center

10:00 am - 11:30 am First Reconciliation Class (Atrium, Rooms 3,4)

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration- Church**

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm **Confessions - Church**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Recovery (Rectory Basement)

4:00 pm - **MASS**

### Sunday, October 1

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Coffee and Donuts after both Masses**

9:00 am **MASS**

9:00 am CGS Level 2 (Atrium)

11:00 am **MASS**

11:00 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)



**Corpus Christi Parish**  
Central Trinity Vicariate 1  
Family of Parishes

**ONE IN THE SPIRIT**

**Corpus Christi:**  
**Presentation Our Lady of Victory:**  
**SS. Peter and Paul-Westside:**  
**Saint Juan Diego:**  
**Saint Mary of Redford:**  
**Saint Scholastica:**

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**Fr. Jim Lowe:** [scholastica.church](http://scholastica.church)



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## September 24 – October 1, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	+ Michelle C. Archer (req by Hayden Archer and Shirley Drayton)
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am	+ Reverend Joseph Szewczyk
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	For all the Sick and Homebound and their Caregivers
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Mass or Communion Service	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am	Increased vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am	For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	+ Clairmina Danjou (req by Mylla Alsobrook)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners

### The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

#### Eucharistic Adoration at Corpus Christi

**Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Thursday: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm**

(Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations  
from 9:15am-10:15am)

**Saturday: 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm**



### **Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers Members of our Parish Family...**

Shermia Anding, Michelle Baines, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Roy Ford, Connie Gant, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yve Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Lois Shepherd

### **Friends and Family of Parishioners...**

Sheila Adams, Evelyn Akins, Kelly Davis, Sue Deeds, Samuel Fooks, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Robert Jarey, Pat LaRoy, Harold McRae, Jill Stachkunis, Marilyn Waddell, Sara Nell Wallace

### **Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...**

Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson, Lucy Lee, Sandi Neely, Thelma Polley, Mary Thompson, Beverly Walker, Joyce Wilson

### **A New Corpus Christi Thematic Goal**

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ! This week, I'd like to take a few minutes to share with you a new thematic goal for the parish we're kicking off this weekend. To be right up front, here's the goal: Stirring our parishioners and potential parishioners, both those coming to Church and those not, to new faith in Christ through Holy Spirit infused encounters with Jesus.

Back in 2016, the Archdiocese of Detroit had a great conference featuring Pat Lencioni and an organization he works with called *Amazing Parish* that really brought wonderful blessings to priests and parish staffs. Personally, I found Pat's concept of a leadership team to be great and have been blessed to work with a great leadership team at Corpus Christi since July of 2019, shortly after Fr. Don passed me the baton. Pat defines the leadership team as, "*a small group of people who are collectively responsible for achieving a common objective for their organization.*"

The leadership team currently consists of Sr. Therese MacKinnon, Valerie Berry, Curtis Simpson, Doug Buday and myself. The primary objective the team is always seeking to achieve is to help Corpus Christi continue to passionately pursue living out our parish mission statement, which is "**we strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community and invite others to join us on our journey.**" I love our parish mission statement and if I had to summarize it in five words or less, I would say, **we exist to share Jesus.**

So, what Pat Lencioni taught us back in 2016 about leadership teams is that utilizing a thematic goal can help organizations continue to have a special emphasis on something that helps the organization continue to passionately pursue its mission. Pat defines a thematic goal as "*a rally cry that is singular, qualitative and temporary.*" Singular means that there is a very clear focus of the goal and its desired outcome. Qualitative means that it's about quality and not quantity, the goal isn't measured by numbers (though they can be helpful) but by the qualitative impact it has on an organization. Temporary means that the goal has a lifespan, Pat recommends anywhere from 3 -12 months for thematic goals. This current goal is slated to be a 12-month goal. So back to the goal!

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## Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

### Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### Monday: Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6  
Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

### Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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Corpus Christi  
Image of God

Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## (A New Corpus Christi Thematic Goal ...continued from page 3)

Here it is: *Stirring our parishioners and potential parishioners, both those coming to Church and those not, to new faith in Christ through Holy Spirit infused encounters with Jesus.* This means that we want to continue to seek to be intentional about reaching out to parishioners and potential parishioners in meaningful ways that can help inspire new faith in Christ. The Lenten Mission, Summer Movie Nights and Hot Dog Tuesdays are just a few examples. As a parish collectively, and as disciples individually, we all can be creative in helping to make invitations and help provide opportunities to stir our parishioners and potential parishioners to new faith in Christ. As we begin this goal, I would love to ask you (on behalf of the leadership team) to please take a prayer card this weekend and pray for this initiative. The leadership team shares the strong conviction that Corpus Christi is a wonderful parish that will continue to thrive and grow. It's our prayer and hope that this thematic goal will help, thank you in advance for your prayer and creative cooperation...many hands make light work!

God bless you!

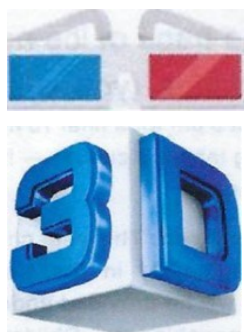
*Jr. Patrick*



## Holy Homework

**Pray for the parish thematic goal  
and spend some time thinking about  
it and how you can help stir parish-  
ioners and potential parishioners to  
new faith in Christ.**

MASS	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee & Donuts	Sun Bus Driver	Video
September 30 Saturday 4:00pm	Coleen F	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Alexis A	Greeter 1			Cathy L
		Ciborium -needed	Server Needed Server Needed	Michael J	Greeter 2			
October 1 Sunday 9:00am	John M	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Kenneth T	Greeter 1	Pick-up - Needed		Marilyn W
		Ciborium -Hayden A	Server Needed Server Needed	Joseph N Jim Y	Greeter 2	Server 1 -Needed Server 2 -Needed		
October 1 Sunday 11:00am	Valerie M	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Joseph N	Greeter 1	Server 1 -Needed	Needed	John S
		Ciborium - Brenda D	Server Needed	Emmanuel P	Greeter 2	Server 2 -Needed		
		Ciborium - Needed	Server Needed	Greg S				
		Ciborium- Needed						



**Get Your Glasses  
Ready! 3D Is Back!**

**Discussion  
Dissertation  
Dessert**

**Get Your Glasses  
Ready! 3D Is Back!**

**Tuesdays, October 3,10,17,24  
7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Room 3**



Topic: **The Chosen** Part 3  
Sign up at back of church or  
on the Corpus Christi website



### **Detroit Black Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Detroit is introducing The Tolton Project!**

Many African American Adults do not attend Church – some left church after high school, some have never been to church, and one article in the Michigan Chronicle said even that the church has left them.

Named after the Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, candidate for sainthood, the Tolton Project will work to establish pathways to encourage the reintroduction of young adults back into the Church, with a focus on the many gifts they bring to help us build the Body of Christ. **Young adults are invited:**

**THIS Saturday, September 30, 2023  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart Parish – Activities Building, Room 9  
1000 Eliot Street, Detroit, MI**

Open to all young adults 18-25 years, and 26-39 years. Text your name(s) and TOLTON to 248-455-9815 or email [blackcatholics@aod.org](mailto:blackcatholics@aod.org) to let us know you're coming.

**Questions?** Contact **Teron Varner**, Pastoral Assistant, Christ the King Parish, at 248-455-9815 or **Vickie Figueroa**, BCM, at the AOD, at 313-596-7103.



### **One In The Spirit Family of Parishes Update**

The One In The Spirit (OITS) Family of Parishes (FOP) Pastoral Council continues to meet six times per year. The Corpus Christi Family Pastoral Council Representatives are: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Christeena Livingston-Long, and Valerie Berry. The Parishes within the OITS Family of Parishes are:

Corpus Christi Parish  
St. Juan Diego Parish  
Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish  
SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church -Westside Parish  
St. Mary of Redford-Detroit Parish  
St. Scholastica Parish

There are many exciting things going on within the OITS FOP just to mention a few, St. Mary of Redford Parish will host their **Fall Festival** on Saturday, October 14, 2023, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm, which will include a petting zoo, pumpkin painting, Rosary craft table, pumpkin bowling, corn hole, music, cider, donuts, and much more. St. Scholastica Parish continues to host the **Become the Fire** prayer gatherings. These prayer gatherings are hosted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, and feature a guest speaker with a focus on the importance of the Eucharist. St. Scholastica will host a **Community Resource Fair** on Friday, September 22, 2023, beginning at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Community Resource Fair will include door prizes, refreshments, home repair resources, services for seniors, utility assistance and much more. Finally, St. Scholastica's **Fall Movie Nights** will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month beginning in October 2023. Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish is preparing to celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will take place on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 11:00 am. Ss. Peter and Paul Parish will host the **"International Eucharistic Miracles of the World"** exhibit on December 9-10, 2023, which is a traveling display designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. The exhibit contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of Eucharistic miracles, recognized by the Catholic Church that have taken place throughout history.

The OITS Family Pastoral Council is currently working to plan our first **Family of Parishes** Evangelization activity. Look for more information on this OITS FOP activity in the weeks to come.

If you have comments and/or questions, please feel free to contact Christeena Livingston-Long, or Valerie Berry.

May the Lord continue to bless the **One In The Spirit Family of Parishes**, as we continue to serve the people of Northwest Detroit.

*Christeena Livingston-Long*  
*Valerie Berry*





## AT A GLANCE: SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RECERTIFICATION AND NEW TRAINING

*The best approach to addressing abuse is to prevent it from occurring in the first place.*

The Archdiocese of Detroit has updated its Safe Environment policies. For compliance, adherence to these policies is required in every office, parish, school, and Catholic agency within the AOD to protect – especially – children and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse. Requiring all volunteers and employees to take the training empowers more men and women to know the warning signs and helps them become part of the solution of preventing abuse. Running background checks for ALL employees and volunteers can help deter criminals and sexual predators from participating in any parish or school ministry or event. If a criminal understands that they will have to undergo a background check, they will less likely attempt to volunteer.

The AOD uses *Virtus*, an online platform for all training, monitoring, and data collection.

**Recertification is required for all existing volunteers and employees who completed *Protecting God's Children* (PGC) before January 1, 2020.**

- Recertification must be completed by **November 1, 2023**.
- All 100,000+ AOD-registered Virtus users were sent an email (from Virtus) in late June and early July with links for recertification.
- If you did not receive an email about your recertification, log into your existing Virtus account. **You should not create a new account if you have taken *Protecting God's Children* in the past. If you do not remember your username or password, Virtus offers a username and password recovery option at [bit.ly/Virtus\\_Account\\_Recovery](https://bit.ly/Virtus_Account_Recovery).** If you have difficulties accessing your account, contact the Virtus Help Desk ([helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org) / 888-847-8870) or send an email to [protectchildren@aod.org](mailto:protectchildren@aod.org).
- Once you have logged into your Virtus account you should see the assigned training under the Home tab / Current Training.
- The self-paced modules (*Protecting God's Children* and *Vulnerable Adults*) are entirely online and take approximately 2.5 hours to complete.
- You can stop and start as you need to complete training at your convenience.

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**Existing Volunteers who have NEVER taken a PGC session before:**

- A PGC session must be completed by **November 1, 2023**.
- The self-paced modules (*Protecting God's Children* and *Vulnerable Adults*) are entirely online and take approximately 2.5 hours to complete.
- Register online at [bit.ly/Virtus\\_Registration](https://bit.ly/Virtus_Registration)
- You can stop and start as you need to complete training at your convenience.

**New Employees and New Recurrent Volunteers**

- All new employees and new recurrent adult volunteers must register on the Virtus platform ([bit.ly/Virtus\\_Registration](https://bit.ly/Virtus_Registration))
- You must be certified before commencing your role.
- You are required to register for a live session of *Protecting God's Children* training (either in person or by Zoom) and the online self-paced *Vulnerable Adults* training will be assigned to you.

**New occasional adult volunteers (1-3 times per year volunteer), even those who do not serve in a direct role working with youth, must be trained**

- You must register on the Virtus platform and complete training before volunteering ([bit.ly/Virtus\\_Registration](https://bit.ly/Virtus_Registration))
- You may complete your certification either -
  - entirely online at your convenience with the self-paced training modules for *Protecting God's Children* and *Vulnerable Adults*, or
  - by attending an in-person or live Zoom session for *Protecting God's Children* and completing the self-paced *Vulnerable Adults* module online.

**Background Checks**

Parishes or schools are responsible for running background checks through the Michigan State Police ICHAT portal.

- An annual background check is now required for ALL clergy, employees, and recurrent adult volunteers.
- A biennial background check is required for occasional volunteers and those contracted by parishes and schools.
- Contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection for assistance running background checks on employees and recurrent adult volunteers who have not lived in Michigan for at least 7 years ([protectchildren@aod.org](mailto:protectchildren@aod.org) / 313-237-5826).

LEARN MORE:  
[protect.aod.org](https://protect.aod.org)



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## Volunteer and Church Personnel Criminal Background Check Authorization Form

### Archdiocese of Detroit

Hiring Entity: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

As a church we value the safety of children in our care, our employees and volunteers and the people whom we serve. We want to take prudent measures to protect our human and material resources. Therefore, the Archdiocese mandates that criminal history background checks be conducted for all employees and volunteers who may have unsupervised contact with a child, the elderly or persons with disabilities. Please complete this form of basic information about you, which assures the best possible program and safety for all.

**Please complete your responses to the following questions and return this form to the designated Administrator for Criminal Background Checks at your Parish or School.**

Name:		*Date of Birth:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Known by any other name(s):			

Place of Employment:	Work Phone:	Home Phone:
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Number of years in Michigan:	If less than 7 years, previous residence(s) outside of Michigan:
a.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Street _____</span> <span>City _____</span> <span>State _____</span> <span>Zip _____</span> <span>County _____</span> </div>
b.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Street _____</span> <span>City _____</span> <span>State _____</span> <span>Zip _____</span> <span>County _____</span> </div>

Position(s) you are seeking, if volunteering:
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Driver's license #:	State:	*Race:	*Sex: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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#### Authorization:

I understand that investigative inquiries on my background are to be made on me, to assess whether any reason exists that would suggest that I not be accepted for the position. These inquiries will be made according to policies of the hiring entity and will consist of a criminal history background check and/or driving record check using the services of the Archdiocese of Detroit / Department of Human Resources or a designated outside firm. The information received will be kept confidential and will be used only to determine my suitability to volunteer for the above noted position.

I authorize without reservation, any party contacted to furnish any or all of the above-mentioned information. Further, I will allow a photocopy of this authorization to be as valid as the original for purposes conducting the necessary investigation.

In addition, I agree to abide by the policies, procedures and code of conduct that currently exist or may be amended in the future.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Volunteer / Church Personnel)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**\*NOTE:** Date of birth, sex, and race are being requested only for purposes of identification in obtaining accurate retrieval of records.