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Dear SJB Parents/Guardians:

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre and in keeping with the Catholic Church's desire to protect all God's children, any adult who assists or volunteers at SJB for student-related events will need to be trained in *VIRTUS*. *VIRTUS* is a required training program for all teachers, staff, and coaches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

VIRTUS is offered at most parishes in the Diocese. Please check the Diocese's website at www.drvc.org and click on the *VIRTUS* link for more information. St. John's will also offer this training. If you plan on volunteering at SJB, please provide proof of training. If you would like to attend training at SJB, please contact Mrs. Fran Isoldi in Campus Ministry either by phone 631-587-8000 x116 or by email, campusministry@sjbdhs.org.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this very important matter.

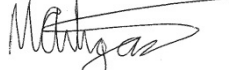
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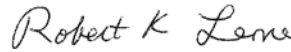
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The below excerpt was taken from the Virtus website:

Protecting God's Children[®] for Adults

Protecting God's Children[®] for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS[®] certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: **A Time to Protect God's Children[™]** and **A Plan to Protect God's Children[™]**. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.