



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

5 Saint Teresa Drive
Charleston, SC
29407



Dear Volunteer,

Blessed Sacrament Church enjoys, appreciates, needs, and welcomes volunteers! As you may already know, the Diocese of Charleston requires that all volunteers comply with the regulations mandated by the Office of Child and Youth Protective Services. These regulations include four elements of screening that must be completed before volunteering in any capacity with minor children at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Volunteer positions include coaches, assistant coaches, youth ministry helpers, religious education teachers and assistants, nursery volunteers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, and simply "helping out" in any activity that involves children. (Additional screening is required if your volunteer position includes transporting children in your car or the handling of money.)

A current database is maintained by the Safe Environment Coordinator in the Parish office and periodically audited by the Diocese to insure compliance. No adult is permitted to volunteer until all documents have been completed and returned to the church office. The safety of our children is our primary concern. Enclosed in this packet you will find all necessary forms and instructions to complete the process. Once your file is complete, you will receive notification that you are officially on the Volunteer List!

Thank you again for your willingness to give of your time in service to our parish. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Lamanna

Safe Environment Coordinator

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Diocese of Charleston

SAFE HAVEN

TRAINING

Safe Environment Instructions:

1. Go to <http://charleston.CMGconnect.org> to complete your new online safe environment curriculum.
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes. This includes address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school.
3. Start the Safe Haven—It's Up to You training curriculum.
4. Click the 'Dashboard' tab to download and print your certificate upon completion or, email it directly from the site to blsacfrontdesk@gmail.com.

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
BACKGROUND SCREENING
BASIC DATA FORM**

Forms must be completed in their entirety to be processed.

For OCPS use: Tracking #: _____

Parish/School/Office Location: _____ _____ Submitted by: _____
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Name: _____ Date: _____
First Middle Last

_____ (Maiden Name or Alias) _____ (Race) _____ (Sex)

Permanent Street Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address if different from above:

_____ P.O. Box City State Zip Code
 Home Telephone #: _____ Alternate #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____ email : _____

Driver's License #: _____ State of Issue: _____

Are you currently employed by or applying for employment with a diocesan school/parish/office? ____ Yes ____ No What is the title of the position for which you are currently employed or are applying? _____ What are the job responsibilities of the position for which you are currently employed or are applying for (please be specific in your details)? _____
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Are you currently volunteering or applying to volunteer with a diocesan school/parish/office? ____ Yes ____ No What is the title of the position for which you are currently volunteering or applying to volunteer? _____ What are the job responsibilities of the position for which you are currently volunteering or are applying to volunteer for (please be specific in your details)? _____
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<p>CRIMINAL HISTORY: A Criminal Background Check and a DSS Sex Offender Registry Check is mandatory and will be performed on every individual submitting these forms. Number of years/months you have lived in South Carolina: Years: _____ Months: _____ Please provide any previous addresses in which you have resided for the past five (5) years: _____</p>

Please note: A Driver's History Report or a check of your Credit History will be processed only if driving or handling money is part of your duties. If so, you must complete the appropriate attached form.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Catholic Diocese of Charleston (“the Company”) may obtain information about you from a third party consumer reporting agency for employment or volunteer purposes. This information may be obtained in the form of a “consumer report” and/or an “investigative consumer report” (commonly known as a “background report”). These reports may contain information regarding your criminal history, social security verification, motor vehicle records (“driving records”), credit history*, verification of your education or employment history, or other background checks. This information may be obtained from private and public record sources, including, as appropriate: government agencies and courthouses and educational institutions. The reports may also include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living, etc., which can involve personal interviews with individuals or companies that you have listed as a reference, former employer, etc. A more comprehensive background investigation may be required pursuant to state or federal law, contract agreement or for certain sensitive positions (such as those with significant financial responsibilities). (*Please note that credit history will only be requested where such information is substantially related to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying.)

You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time, to request whether a consumer report has been run about you, disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report and to request a copy of your report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment or volunteer status is an investigation conducted by Reference Services, Inc. (RSI). RSI is located and can be contacted by mail at 101 Plaza East Blvd, Suite 300, Evansville, IN 47715, and RSI can be contacted by phone at (800)881-0754. Information about RSI’s privacy policy is available at the following link: <http://www.referenceservices.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/RSI-Consumer-Information-Privacy-Policy.pdf>. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing and allows the Company to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports throughout the course of your employment or your volunteer/contract period to the extent permitted by law.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I acknowledge receipt of the separate document entitled "Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation" and "A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act" and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" by the Company at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my employment, or status as a volunteer or Advisor, if applicable. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by Reference Services, Inc. [101 Plaza East Blvd, Suite 300, Evansville, IN 47715, (800)881-0754, www.referenceservices.com] and/or the Company itself. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

New York applicants only: Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested by the Company, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the report. You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. By signing below, you acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Law

Washington State applicants only: You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants only:

Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

California applicants only:

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out what is in the CRA's file on you with proper identification, as follows:

- In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The CRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.
- A summary of all information contained in the CRA file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.
- By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. CRAs complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the CRAs.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the CRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity. The CRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection. You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. A CRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the CRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.

Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Other Names/Aliases Used _____

Social Security Number* _____ Date of Birth* _____

Driver's License Number _____ State of Driver's License _____

Current Address - City, State, Zip _____

Previous Address - City, State Zip _____

Previous Address - City, State Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*This information will be used for background screening purposes only and will not be used as hiring criteria.

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF
THE POLICY CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS
OF SEXUAL ABUSE OR MISCONDUCT OF A MINOR
BY CHURCH PERSONNEL (2012)**

**AND OF
THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL**

I, the undersigned, have fully read, understand and agree to abide by the *Policy Concerning Allegations of Sexual Abuse or Misconduct of a minor by Church personnel (2012)*¹ of the Diocese of Charleston.

I, the undersigned, have fully read, understand and agree to abide by the *Code of Conduct for Church personnel* of the Diocese of Charleston.

I understand that nothing in this Policy shall be deemed to constitute a contract of employment.

Printed Name

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

¹ The *Policy of the Diocese of Charleston Concerning Allegations of Sexual Misconduct or Abuse of a minor by Church personnel (2012)* contains various rules, policies, and procedures. Many of the provisions are summaries of civil and Canon law. Such laws change from time to time. If there is a conflict in the rights and remedies between Canon law and civil law within this Policy, the Diocese of Charleston will apply that jurisprudence which reconciles the conflict. The Diocese of Charleston may find it necessary or advisable to alter this Policy from time to time. Therefore, the provisions of this Policy are subject to change by the Diocese of Charleston at any time, with or without previous notice.

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

I, the undersigned, as a member of Church Personnel, as defined in the Policy Concerning Allegations of Sexual Misconduct or Abuse of a Minor, agree to follow this Code of Conduct. I acknowledge any action or inaction, inconsistent with the Code of Conduct, may result in my removal from any assignment, appointment, or position and/or the termination of my employment. Nothing in this Code shall be construed to interfere with a cleric's administration of the Sacraments or his Canonical obligations. Therefore, by virtue of my signature below, I WILL:

- Treat others with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity and consideration.
- Avoid situations where I am alone with minors except in administration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism or comparison when working with minors.
- Not accept expensive gifts from minors or their parents, without prior written approval from the parents and the pastor/administrator.
- Not give expensive gifts to minors without prior written approval from the parents and the pastor/administrator.
- Report suspected abuse to the pastor, administrator, or appropriate supervisor and the local responsible agency (DSS or Police). I understand that if I am a mandated reporter as defined by SC law, failure to report suspected abuse to civil authorities can result in prosecution and fines.
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of minors.
- Not smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of minors in the performance of my duties.
- Not abuse alcohol in the presence of minors in the performance of my duties.
- Not use, possess or be under the influence of any illegal drugs at any time.
- Not pose any health risk to minors.
- Not strike, spank, shake or slap any minor.
- Not humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade any minor.
- Not touch a minor in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- Not use any discipline that frightens or humiliates minors.
- Not use profanity in the presence of minors.

Printed Name

_____/_____/_____

Date of Birth

Signature

Date

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