



August 24, 2016

Dear St. Aloysius Families,

As we begin a new school year, we wanted to take time to inform you of some important changes taking place diocesan wide during this school year.

As part of the Diocese of Toledo's effort to ensure the safety of every member of our community, the Diocese is now requiring additional training and support for both students and adults within our parish community.

Each semester, students will participate in a lesson about personal safety, how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and who to contact if help is needed. These lessons are age appropriate and will be presented by the classroom teacher or school counselor using a curriculum approved by the diocese. You will receive additional information before your child participates in these lessons.

In addition, every adult member of our community, in order to volunteer at St. Aloysius during the school year, will need to complete a background screening and complete the online "Protecting God's Children" course. This includes, but is not limited to, volunteering in the library, chaperoning field trips, or even joining your child for lunch. The cost of the background screening is \$25 which will provide an updated check four times per year for five years. Once completed, you will remain in the system for five years with no additional costs or training required. If you have completed the requirements of the previous "Protecting Youth" system, you will still need to do the background screening and, working with our Compliance Officers, Shelly Leestma for the school and Denise Foos for the parish, we will help you determine whether or not the new online class is also required.

We are asking those who are able to please consider paying the cost themselves as we did not have this expense in our budget for this school year. If you cannot afford the \$25 fee, please do not let that be a deterrent to being involved here at your child's school. Indicate on the included form that you are asking for us to cover the cost and we will make every effort to help those who request it.

Please fill out the St. Aloysius Volunteer Compliance Request form and return to Mrs. Leestma in the school office if you would like to be a volunteer. We appreciate your support in helping ensure a safe environment for our students.

Rev. Mark Davis

Pastor/Local Superintendent

Mrs. Andrea Puhl

Principal-Minister

St. Aloysius Volunteer Compliance Request

Protecting God's Children/Virtus

Last Name _____

Name(s) of Adults who wish to complete training:

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Name(s) and Grade(s) of Children:

In the past 5 years, have you completed a BCI/FBI background check for the School? Y N

In the past 5 years, have you completed a BCI/FBI background check for the Parish? Y N

In the past 5 years, have you completed "Protecting Youth" for the School? Y N

In the past 5 years, have you completed "Protecting Youth" for the Parish? Y N

Please select one of the following:

_____ I/we will cover the \$25 cost of the background check and will pay online. Please send instructions. (Do not send payment to school.)

_____ I/we cannot pay the cost of the background check and are requesting parish support.

Signature: _____ Date: _____