## SAINT ELIZABETH PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS



PA state law and Archdiocesan policy requires all church personnel and volunteers obtain background checks (PART I) prior to beginning work/service and training (PART II).

**ALL VOLUNTEERS** (including coaches)

(PART I – PA LAW) BACKGROUND CHECK & CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

All three clearances must be renewed every 5 years and submitted to the Parish Services

Office. **Either** 

1a. Federal Fingerprint Background Check \*

(IF NOT Pennsylvania resident for 10 continuous years.)

## OR

- 1b. Volunteer Application Disclosure form \* (IF Pennsylvania resident for 10 continuous years.)
- 2. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check \*
- 3. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance \*

(PART II – ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA POLICY) TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

All volunteers who have regular contact with children must complete the following training and return certificates of attendance/completion to the Parish Services Office:

- 1. Safe Environment Part I: Protecting God's Children class (in person)\*\*

  For registration and class locations go to:

  www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\_list2.cfm?theme=0
- 2. Safe Environment Part II: Mandatory Reported of Suspected Child Abuse Must be completed *on-line* through the OCYP website at <a href="https://www.childyouthprotection.org">www.childyouthprotection.org</a> under "Training Institute".

Those who do not comply will be moved to "inactive status" and not be permitted to work or volunteer until all requirements have been met.

Required by Pennsylvania state law. Forms are found on website <a href="www.stelizabethparish.org">www.stelizabethparish.org</a>, under Get Involved. Return all completed forms to the parish services office to be submitted to the state.

\*\*Classes offered at Saint Elizabeth on 9/27/2018 and 2/21/2019

For questions contact Parish Services Office (gmiceli@stelizabethparish.org or 610-646-6550)