

Safe & Sacred Program
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As of August 2013 all clergy, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis who have contact with children must complete the Safe and Sacred program **before** beginning ministry, work or volunteer service. A criminal background check will be generated through the Safe and Sacred website.

Each person who accesses the training will create user name and password. The training takes about 45 minutes to complete and can be taken in parts.

There are questions during the training to assess the ability to apply the information, and there are 10 questions at the end of the program that must be answered with at least 80% accuracy to receive a certificate.

In June, 2016, there were some significant improvements to the Safe and Sacred program per Archbishop Tobin:

- *Training content will be expanded to include more information on maintaining appropriate boundaries in relationships with children. The new course will be called **Protecting Children in the 21st Century**.*
- **Each training certificate will bear a 3-year expiration date.** *Every 3 years, individuals will receive e-mail notification to re-take the course in order to provide a refresher on what they learned as well as additional information on how to keep children safe.*
- *Criminal history re-checks will also be processed every 3 years with course completion.*

This ongoing cycle of training, code of conduct reminders, and background re-checks will bolster awareness, enhance knowledge, and more fully demonstrate our commitment to the well-being of every child served by the ministries of our parishes, schools, and agencies.