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Create a user ID and a password you can easily remember. This is necessary for all participants. This establishes your account with the VIRTUS program. If your preferred user ID is already taken, please choose another ID.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Provide all the information requested on the screen. Several fields are required, such as: First, Middle & Last Name, Email address, Home Address, City, State, Zip, Phone Number, and Date of Birth.

(Note: Do not click the back button or your registration will be lost.)

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Select the Primary location where you work or volunteer by clicking the downward arrow and highlighting the location and your associated Role(s).

Then select your specific position or service for the identified roles from the available list.

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Note: If you serve at multiple diocesan locations, you will be prompted to select those additional locations in future screen(s).

Your selected location(s) and role(s) are displayed on the screen. Select **YES**, if you need to add secondary/additional locations and roles.

Otherwise, if your list of locations is complete, select **NO**.

You have chosen following locations and roles:

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Parish (Myrtle Beach)

• Volunteer ✓

Are you associated with any other locations?

Yes

No

Please read the Child Protection Policy.

To proceed, please check the box and provide your **electronic signature** and **today's date**.

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Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina
 Child Protection Policy

THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
 POLICY
 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND
 VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE
 BY CHURCH PERSONNEL (2022)
 AND
 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL AND
 MINISTERIAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES
 FOR DEALING WITH MINORS AND VULNERABLE
 ADULTS

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Please read the Code of Conduct.

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Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina
 Code of Conduct

APPENDIX I
 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL
 AND MINISTERIAL STANDARDS AND
 GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH MINORS
 AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Preamble

The Diocese of Charleston holds Church Personnel (as defined in the Diocese's Sexual Abuse Policy) accountable for maintaining the integrity of all ministerial and professional relationships. The purpose of this Code of Conduct ("Code") is to set forth the basic principles, standards and guidelines applicable to interactions by Church Personnel with Minors and Vulnerable Adults. It would be impossible to create a comprehensive list of specific acts constituting violations of this Code. In addition to strict compliance with legal requirements, Church Personnel in the Diocese are expected to be guided by the basic principles of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the conduct of diocesan affairs and to comply with all diocesan policies, including compliance with the Diocese of Charleston Policy Concerning the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse by Church Personnel, as amended from time to time ("Sexual Abuse Policy"). Church Personnel should also adhere to the Ministerial Standards and Guidelines contained in this Code.

While the individuals who prey on Minors and/or Vulnerable Adults are a very small minority, they have nevertheless placed Church Personnel in a difficult situation regarding their interactions and relationships with Minors and/or Vulnerable Adults. Although the current situation is not your fault, you are a secondary victim of those who have abused the trust of Minors and Vulnerable Adults. Because of the criminal acts and abuses of trust by a small minority of Church Personnel, the public often views all Church Personnel with skepticism and distrust. To protect yourself as well as Minors and Vulnerable Adults, it is very important that you learn and comply with the Diocesan Policy, Code of Conduct and Ministerial Standards and Guidelines. It is also necessary that you be aware of and comply with the requirements to report Sexual Abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults under diocesan policy and South Carolina law.

While there is an expectation that common sense will be used, this Code is provided for the purpose of explicitly drawing attention to the special care that must be taken by Church Personnel in ministering to

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Please read the Social Media Policy.

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Social Media Policy

PREAMBLE

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston places the highest value on the integrity of Church Personnel in our parishes, agencies, schools and organizations. All Church Personnel must uphold Christian values and work diligently to serve and enhance the mission of the Church. This Policy provides a set of standards for conduct in certain situations regarding an individual's public voice on social media.

DEFINITIONS

Church Personnel: For the purposes of these guidelines, the following are included in the definition of "Church Personnel": bishops, priests, deacons, religious, lay employees, and lay volunteers involved in ministry for the Diocese, its parishes and schools.

Social Media: any form of electronic communication, including but not limited to websites or "apps" that are designed to turn communication into interactive dialogue, such as blogs/wikis, mobile phone, computer or tablet "apps", message boards/forums, Facebook, Vine, TikTok, Twitter, YouTube, Vimeo, LinkedIn, Instagram, Tumblr, Snapchat, GroupMe, etc.

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Please answer the two questions.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Do you drive your personal vehicle on behalf of a parish or school?

Yes
 No

Do you handle money, have financial responsibility, or make financial decisions as part of your role within a parish or school?

Yes
 No

Please answer the four questions and respond as needed.

Click **Continue** to proceed.

Have you ever been the subject of any civil, criminal, or legal complaint involving an allegation of any type of abuse or neglect of a child, an elderly adult or an adult with a disability?

Yes
 No

If yes, fully explain the situation and outcome.

Have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or pled guilty to a criminal offense?

Yes
 No

If yes, fully explain the situation and outcome.

Have you ever been prohibited by this or any diocese from engaging in ministry or had your ministry restricted in any way?

Yes
 No

If yes, fully explain the situation and outcome.

Are there any criminal charges pending against you?

Yes
 No

If yes, fully explain the situation and outcome.

I declare that the statements on this form are true and correct

Full Name (first, middle, and last): (John D. Smith)

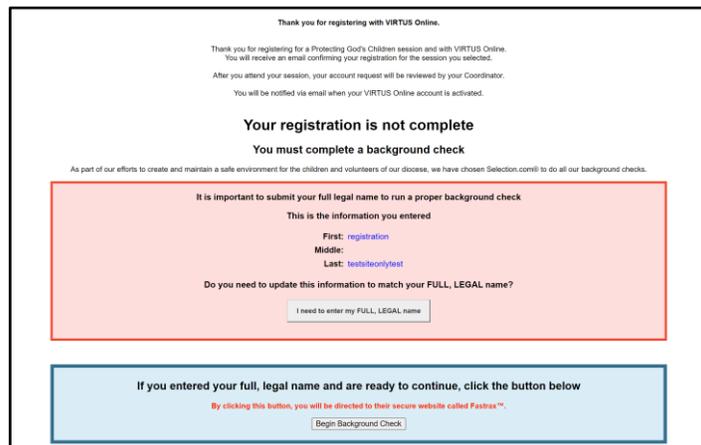
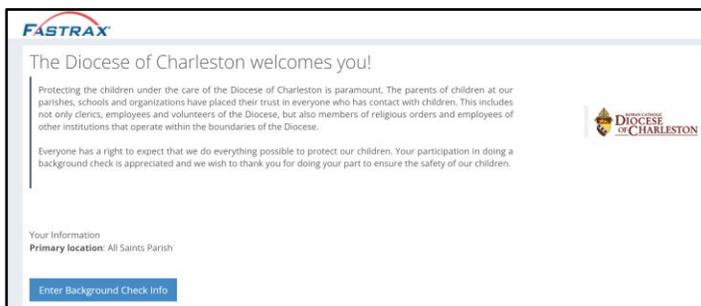
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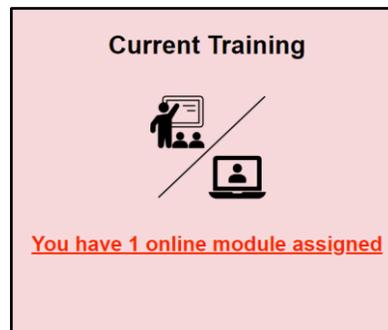
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Online Training Modules

To begin your online training, please click the title of your assigned training:

- Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0**
Assigned: 07/01/2024
Due: 07/15/2024

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