

# 98 PARISHES \* 35 SCHOOLS \* 1 CAUSE



**2,146 Criminal Background Screenings Completed 2015/2016**  
**33,063 Adults Trained Since 2002**

## **98+ Safe Environment Coordinators (SEC)**

- Appointed at Every Parish and School
- Ensure Compliance with Adult Screening Requirements and Oversee Child Safety Training

## **OUR PLEDGE TO HEAL**

“Martha and Mary begged Jesus to give their brother new life. That is what we are going to do as a community of faith: beg Jesus to give new life back to our brothers and sisters.”  
**Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. - The Service of Lament**



## **OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

### **12,711 Children and Youth**

10,773 – Children trained in *Circle of Grace*  
1,938 – Youth trained in *Called to Protect*

### **79 VIRTUS® Facilitators**

- Provided 140 *Protecting God's Children* Adult Workshops
- 2,056 Adults Trained in 2015/2016

“My God, my God, why have  
You abandoned me?” - Psalm 22:1

**ABANDONED  
IN SUFFERING -  
ONE IN RENEWAL**

“And after you have suffered a little while,  
God ... will himself restore, support,  
strengthen, and establish you.” - 1 Peter 5:10

## **Service of Lament † June 26, 2016 † Our Diocesan Apology for Sins Committed**

### **Bishop's Commitments**

To Sexual Abuse Victims, Survivors, and their Families  
Especially Those Harmed by an Agent of the Church

1. Establish 1st Annual Day of Prayer – April 26, 2017
2. Design and Implement Training to Better Equip Clergy in Response to Abuse
3. Appoint Multidiscipline Task Force to Review Policy and Ensure Best Practice
4. Form a Remembrance Committee to Advise in Building a Permanent Memorial
5. Develop a Spiritual Guide Program to Support Faith Journey

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# ADULT SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Workshop
2. Commit to Diocesan Code of Ethics – Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM)
3. Successful Background Screening

## OMBUDSMAN'S PROMISE

Report all credible abuse allegations to proper civil authorities, whether current or decades ago. Conduct a full and fair investigation. Notify Independent Review Board. No exceptions.

## RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ABUSE 17 REPORTS

The credibly accused is immediately placed on a precautionary suspension from all duties within the Church.

- 5 Substantiated – 5 Reports Naming 5 Persons  
None of these individuals remains in any form of ministry.
- 5 Inconclusive - Reported to Law Enforcement
- 4 Referred to Religious Community
- 2 Cleared
- 1 Pending Investigation  
Under investigation by authorities and removed from service.



27 PEOPLE NAMED  
IN REPORTS OF ABUSE,  
BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

- 10 Clergy
- 9 Employee
- 4 Volunteer
- 4 Religious Order

130 TOTAL REPORTS

- 17 Sexual Abuse
- 12 Boundary Violations
- 90 Referrals
- 11 Safety Plans

## ADDRESSING BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS

### A PROACTIVE APPROACH

These reports stem from an adult who violates established boundaries with a child. Some situations originate from a lack of understanding while others indicate predator behavior.

- 5 Persons Cleared
- 4 Persons Educated and Returned with Supervision to Service
- 2 Persons Separated from Employment or Restricted in Ministry
- 1 Situation Under Investigation

## SAFETY PLANS – 11 PLANS

Safety plans are developed when the Church becomes aware that a member may pose a risk.

- 6 Identified from a history of suspicious or criminal behavior
- 5 Originated from Ombudsman investigation process (included in statistics above)

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