

ARCHDIOCESE OF OF ANGELES RE-CERTIFICATION POLICY

(Revised 9//11) version: replaces older copies in Article 12 of Safeguard the Children Parish Audit Manual

VIRTUS® Re-Certification is required every four years. However, because of the ACC move, the re-certification for those who attended their original @VIRTUS Protecting God's Children in 2004 has been postponed a year. Therefore, the 2009 re-certification year will combine the participants from 2004 and 2005. Beginning in 2010 we will then be on the four year cycle.

<u>Original VIRTUS® Training</u>	<u>Re-Certification Year</u>
(Should be completed by December 30 th each year)	
2004-2005	2009
2006	2010
2007	2011
2008	2012

Options for Re-Certification All clergy, staff and volunteers who work with or around children or young people are required to be re-certified every four years. Following are the options:

Option #1:

Participants may attend the VIRTUS® "Keeping the Promise Alive" 1½ hr. refresher session. This session begins with a review of the myths and facts of child sexual abuse from the original program and is followed by the refresher DVD. Attendees are asked to share on what ways their parish/school/community has become a safer place for children and young people over the past four years. In the final part of the session participants are asked to use the new "Commitment Sheet" from their books to reflect on what further changes can be made to keep children and people safe in the future.

Option #2:

Participants may repeat the original three-hour VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" live session for re-certification. If a participant is repeating "Protecting God Children" and is registered on VIRTUS® Online they must check the box at the bottom of the registration form that reads: **Recertification: If you are taking "Protecting God's Children" for a second time for recertification and have a VIRTUS® Online Account, please check the box so we can record this on your account.** When your registration comes to the Office of Safeguard the Children the new training will then be added to their VIRTUS® Online account.

Limited Option #3:

This option applies to a small number of people who registered on VIRTUS® Online immediately following their VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children session in 2004 and 2005. These participants have read 50-65 "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training bulletins, completed 2 re-certification quizzes and been issued printed re-certification certificates from VIRTUS®. If you think you qualify for this option please mail: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org with your name, parish and region,

Important Notice

All participants must take a copy of their VIRTUS® Keeping the Promise Alive or Protecting God's Children certificate to their parish or school so that it can be recorded on VPIN (Volunteer and Personnel Information Network) for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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