

June 15, 2017

Hello Parents,

Please take a minute to read this important information on clearance requirements mandated by the State, School and Archdiocese for all volunteers at Saints Simon and Jude School.

As some of you may already know to volunteer at the school you will need to complete clearance paperwork and attend a Safe Environment class in "Protecting God's Children" conducted by the Archdiocese. You will also need to complete an online Mandated Reporter training. These requirements are in place to keep our children safe.

Some examples of times you will need clearance include but are not limited to:

Chaperone field trips, attend classroom parties, coach CYO teams, Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders, Mystery Reader's, Book Nook Volunteers, Lunch room volunteers.

Candy Savarese is Saints Simon and Jude's Safe Environment Coordinator and can be reached at the Rectory Office to assist you with applications and any specific questions or concerns. She will attend Back to School Night, the first Home and School Association Meeting and CYO meeting. You can also reach out to her using the contact information found at the conclusion of this email.

There are Safe Environment classes scheduled throughout the year here at Saints Simon and Jude, the next scheduled class will be in The Meehan Center, Wednesday, June 21 at 1:30 pm. Please register in advance to attend at www.virtus.org and for other classes being held in our area.

Please feel free to pass this information along to any extended family members who may want to volunteer through the year such as grandparents or aunts and uncles.

To access additional information and the paperwork needed you can follow the below steps:

On the SSJ Parish website click on HOW DO I? At bottom of menu, select Complete a background check. All information and training websites are found on the body of the Safe Environment page with all documents/applications on the left. All forms and information are also available in The Rectory Office. For questions or concerns please contact the Rectory Office: Candy Savarese at csavarese@simonandjude.org or 610.696.3624