

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

In order to insure the safety of our young people all on our parish and school staffs along with all who volunteer in any way for one in St. Mary's Parish and Schools first must complete VIRTUS Training and are required to submit to a criminal background check.

The purpose of this Diocesan and Parish policy is to provide a universal vigilance. We seek to provide an environment in which all are aware of the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors, an environment in which all recognize potential danger signs and unhealthy situations and an environment in which all know the proper course of action to take when something is wrong and when something raises concern. The VIRTUE training is designed to help us recognize potentially dangerous situations so that no one is harmed.

**It is important to note that VIRTUS Training is mandatory. If a parish volunteer, whether he/she works with children or not, does not complete VIRTUS Training, he/she will not be permitted to serve in any volunteer capacity at St. Mary's or at any other parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**

We thank all who have cooperated with this Diocesan and Parish policy. All who are interested in being a volunteer on any level in our St. Mary's Parish and School are expected to complete these requirements before they begin their volunteer service. The time and places for VIRTUS training are listed each week in The Long Island Catholic. The Criminal Background Check form may be obtained from the Parish Office.