**Protecting God’s Children for Adults™/Virtus Training**

Protecting God's Children for Adults is training conducted by certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: A Time to Protect God's Children™ and A Plan to Protect God's Children™. The facilitators incorporate Archdiocesan policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers. “The Virtus training program implements safety mechanisms that send a message to all abusers and potential abusers: Child Abuse is not tolerated. Children are vigilantly protected. Victims are listened to, heard, and shielded from further abuse. And offenders are identified and punished.” – Virtus Website

**All employees and all volunteers who work with children and young people must fulfill this compliance requirement. [Book II The People of God, Part I, Policy 603.3**

**Participants must be present for the entire training session to receive credit for attendance.**

All Archdiocese employees and all volunteers who work with children create and maintain an online account with Virtus when they register online to take the training. After attending Protecting God’s Children for Adults training (must attend within 60 days of being hired) submit the certificate of attendance to the location you work/volunteer at, and continue the monthly ongoing education through online training bulletins posted to their online account.

•If you have never taken training: log on to [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org) to find and preregister for an upcoming training session and create a new account.

•If you have already taken training for the Archdiocese of Chicago: Log in to your account at www.virtusonline.org and make sure it is approved, activated, and updated with your current location, role/title, and personal information.

•If you have taken this training in another diocese: Contact the diocese you took the training in and confirm that you have established an approved and active account with them. Then contact Virtus at 888-847-8870 to have your account transferred to the Archdiocese of Chicago and updated with your current location, role/title, and personal information.