

An Autumn Message About Child Protection

Autumn means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this season, let us all keep sight of the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger.

Training requirements to safeguard children have been established in parishes throughout the Diocese of Stockton. These training requirements help ensure that all children and youth experience a safe environment in all parish activities and events.

The Diocese of Stockton mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the guidelines established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This training includes being fingerprinted and background checked and completing an on-line training course entitled Shield the Vulnerable. If you are planning on helping or assisting in your child's school, you are required to complete this training.

For training information, contact your local parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator.

For particular help and questions you may call:

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