



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

regarding our **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Because of the recent clearance issues that occurred at Immaculate Conception in the Diocese of Greensburg, the diocese is cracking down on the reporting of clearances at all parishes. Effective immediately, St. Patrick volunteer and employee clearance files are being reviewed. Volunteers will be notified if their file is missing information and/or trainings.

Please understand that this process is not meant to turn volunteers away, but to ensure the safety of everyone. If you are 18 years of age and over, are currently volunteering, and DO NOT have clearances, you are **NOT** permitted to continue until you have your clearances and trainings. This includes volunteering as a liturgical minister, usher, St. Paddy's Ladies member, council member, Faith Formation teacher, VBS volunteer, fish dinner volunteer, Fall Festival volunteer, Mercy Meal volunteer, etc. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS!**

What clearances and trainings are required?

PA Criminal Clearance*

Signed Code of Conduct*

PA Child Abuse Clearance*

Signed affidavit* or fingerprints

Virtus Training*

Mandated Reporter Training

*Periodic updates will be required

In the upcoming months, the diocese will also be auditing our files through several different audits. Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure that Fr. Arnel is not held accountable for our lack of compliance. Thank you.

If you would like to begin the clearance process, please call the office and leave a message for Barb or email her at bboltz@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Barb will send you out a packet of information and forms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Barb.