

Adults working with youth

All adults who work with youth as Sunday school teachers, acolyte trainers or youth leaders must complete a background check and online course by the end of the year. The diocese requires this course as part of the Diocesan Child Abuse Misconduct Prevention Program. All you need for the course is a PC or a Mac and Internet access. The course takes one to one and half hours, but you can pause and return anytime to the same place and finish the course. To get started, please follow these steps:

1. Go to shieldthevulnerable.org.
2. Click "1st Time Diocese Signup" tab
3. Selection "Diocese of California" (If you are clergy or a teacher, you will be asked for your social security number and the program will conduct a criminal background check.)
4. Complete the Registration:
 - a. User/ Login Tab – Fill in requested information and create your own login. Only one person can be named on the registration.
 - b. Diocese Affiliation Tab – Select who you are – employee, volunteer or parent.
 - c. Occupation Tab – whatever your diocesan affiliation you MUST identify whether your' mandatory or ethical reporter
 - d. Summary Tab – review your registration card and if correct and you "Accept" the license, click "Confirm Registration."
5. Click "Start" button on My Course Page.
6. Acknowledge Diocese Policies and print your Certificate of Completion.
7. Give copy of certificate to Whitney Wilson and keep one for yourself.

It's very important that all those working with youth complete this training in 2008, as the diocese will pay for the cost this year. Next year, individual parishes might have to shoulder the cost.