



**ST. BRIDGET**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Volunteer:

In recent years, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond has instituted a mandatory screening process for all parish volunteers. This process is designed to protect our children from harmful individuals and to ensure a safe environment from the sexual abuse of minors. I regret that this process is necessary but I know you share our concern for the safety of our children.

Volunteers are to be screened every five years and are required to attend an educational workshop. The Virtus program, "Protecting God's Children", is designed to teach adults how to recognize and respond to child sexual abuse and how to keep our children safe. While screening must take place every five years, you only need to attend the workshop one time.

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that either you have not been previously screened or that it has been five years since you were last screened. Attached are forms for you to complete as well as instructions for completing the forms. Please return the forms to the parish office as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or if our records are incorrect please contact Julie Koury [julie@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:julie@saintbridgetchurch.org) or 804-282-9511 x323.

If you have not attended the workshop, you may register by going to the Virtus website at [www.virtusonline.com](http://www.virtusonline.com). This website also lists the dates, times and places where the workshop is being offered in the Richmond area. We ask that if you have not attended the workshop, please register as soon as possible. Once you have attended the VIRTUS training, please contact Julie Koury [julie@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:julie@saintbridgetchurch.org) or 804-282-9511 x323, so she may update your record.

Your ministry at our parish is a wonderful gift to the whole community. I am grateful to you for your willingness to serve our children in the name of Jesus. If you have any questions about this screening program, please feel free to contact Julie Koury at the parish office. May God continue to bless your family and our entire church family as we work to fulfill his mission for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. William H. Carr, Pastor