



Dear Staff and Volunteers of St. Mary School,

The Archdiocese of Detroit has implemented a program called "Protecting God's Children" as directed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This program includes training as well as police background checks for all staff and volunteers who have contact with children. This would include coaches, scout leaders, field trip volunteers, classroom volunteers, tutors, latchkey workers, teachers, lunch help, etc.

The purpose of this program is to establish a safe environment for our children. It is necessary to fill out the enclosed Criminal Background Check Form and submit it to myself, the designated contact person for our parish. This form needs to be completed every seven years. If you've already filled one out it is not necessary to complete another form.

Besides filling out the Criminal Background Check all of our staff and volunteers must attend the Protecting God's Children Workshop. To register for this workshop go on-line to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), from there click on Registration (bright yellow on the left hand side.), select "View a list of sessions" and choose "Detroit, MI" from the drop down menu. This will give you a complete schedule for upcoming Protecting God's Children Workshops in date order. After finding the workshop that you would like to attend, you can then register for it at this web-site.

Your help and support in this matter will ensure the safety and well being of the children of our school and faith community.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school (248) 545-2140 anytime.

In Christ,  
Greg Carnacchi  
Principal  
St. Mary Catholic School