

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTER



Fall 2022

Diocese of Manchester

## Welcome Back!

Hello everyone and welcome back to another school and catechetical year! I hope and pray that this year will be smooth sailing for all!

In this newsletter, you will find information about some upcoming safe environment events along with some reminders. With many programs having been curtailed or cancelled over the past two years, we know that a lot of groups will begin meeting again, so it's important to refresh your memory about safe environment policies and procedures.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions! In addition, please feel free to bring your questions to our virtual drop-in meeting on September 13, or join us on October 5 for our in-person orientation.

Last, be sure to mark your calendar for October 20, when we will gather in Concord for our first safe environment conference since 2019.

We look forward to a safe and happy year for all.

*Mary Ellen D'Intino*  
Delegate for Safe Environment



## SAVE THE DATES

### SEC Drop-in meeting on Teams

**September 13 11:30-12**

- Meet and Greet, ask questions  
[Join here](#)

### Orientation for new and newer SECs

**October 5 9-11**

- In person at 153 Ash St., Manchester  
[Register here](#)

### Safe Environment Conference

**October 20 8:30-1:30**

- More info on page 2





## CHILDREN'S TRAINING

Reminder: All students must receive a safe environment lesson every year! Principals and pastors are responsible for implementation and should appoint a point person to coordinate (for example, technology or theology teacher at schools and Religious Ed Director at parishes). For more information about the curricula, please refer to materials sent to pastors and principals via their September digests or check out these links:

- [Circles of Care](#)
- [NetSmartz](#)
- [That's Not OK!](#)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED..

**I am new to using the Safe Environment Database (or I forgot how to use it while things were slow over the past 2 years). Where can I get help?**

No worries! There are many resources available to you!

- The database itself has a Resources tab with an instructional guide, video walk-through, and tipsheet.
- The Safe Environment Coordinators' [web page](#) has links to some of these documents, too!
- You can call us any time and we will walk you through if you're stuck.
- Contact [medintino@rcbm.org](mailto:medintino@rcbm.org) if you need more in-depth, 1:1 training.

## FINGERPRINTING of school employees

Please ensure that all new school employees have been fingerprinted. Livescan fingerprinting of school employees must be scheduled by calling **(603) 223-3867** and selecting **option 1**. Employees should state that they are being fingerprinted under the **Adam Walsh Act**. Complete instructions, including a handout, may be found [here](#).



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

October 20 in Concord

**Please join us on October 20 for a Safe Environment Conference at Christ the King Parish in Concord!**

Highlights include:

- Det. Allison Vachon from the Attorney General's Office will speak about online safety
- Deacon Bernie Nojadera, MSW, Executive Director of the USCCB Office of Child & Youth Protection, will speak about the impact of our work and will provide national and international updates
- Mass will be celebrated

**To register**, email [Eve Mongeau](mailto:Eve Mongeau)