

# VIRTUS Training

*for all adults*

As parents and volunteers entrusted with the most precious of all gifts - our children - it is our responsibility to keep them safe. Consider educating yourself and your family about the warning signs and dangers of sexual abuse. Our parish will be hosting a 2-hour awareness session, known as Virtus Training, on **October 17th from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the school cafeteria**. This program, which is free of charge, is for all parents, family members, volunteers and employees of St. Mary's Catholic Church and surrounding parishes. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

Adults who work with youth on behalf of St. Mary's Church (through our parish faith formation program, youth ministry, choir, etc. on behalf of St. Mary's Church are required to attend this training once in the course of their ministry with young people. Once the course has been completed, you will receive periodic bulletins via email that serve as "continuing education." These bulletins help keep you up-to-date and current on the topic of abuse prevention and intervention.

To register, please go online to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and register using the training date and location. (A list of other local trainings appear on the back of this sheet for your convenience.) For help registering or for more information, please feel free to contact Michelle Fessel at 952-2854.

