



Child abuse is a tragic reality that affects not only our Church but the entire community.

When one in every four girls and one in every five boys are sexually abused before the age of 18, it is a problem that can not be ignored.

Working together, as a Church, we can be a part of the solution.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM:**

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Training Requirements for
PARISHES
2007-2008

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WHAT IS THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM?

The Safe Environment Program is a renewed effort in the Archdiocese of Seattle to eradicate child abuse. These efforts include opportunities to educate clergy, employees, volunteers, parents, youth and children in child abuse prevention. The training program for parishes has four elements:

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR MINISTRIES

A three-hour training for clergy, employees and volunteers.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

A 1.5 hour training for parents, families and all interested in learning how to protect children.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

A three-part series that teaches youth about boundaries, how to respond if someone tries to violate their boundaries and how to tell someone if they or a friend has been abused.

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Online (internet based) abuse prevention training to complement the *Called to Protect* programs.

WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND TRAINING?

REQUIRED:

All clergy, employees and applicable volunteers in parishes and schools must complete the *Called to Protect for Ministries* training by May 31, 2008.

- Applicable volunteers include those with regular unsupervised contact with children and vulnerable adults.

RECOMMENDED:

All other volunteers with any contact with children.

WHERE CAN OUR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS ATTEND THEIR REQUIRED TRAININGS?

All safe environment trainings will be scheduled and hosted by the parish.

- A trainer will be provided to facilitate the training by the Safe Environment Office.

Parishes may choose to collaborate with neighboring parishes, ie: deanery-wide trainings, etc.

HOW OFTEN MUST THE PARISH HOST TRAININGS?

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR MINISTRIES

At least one per year or as needed to satisfy the training requirement for all required clergy, employees and volunteers.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

At least one per year, open to all in the parish and/or school.

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

This is an optional program available for your youth groups.

HOW DOES OUR PARISH SCHEDULE TRAININGS?

1. Identify which trainings you would like to hold:

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR MINISTRIES

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

CALLED TO PROTECT FOR YOUTH

2. Decide when you would like to hold safe environment trainings.

3. Contact the Safe Environment Office and request the trainings: phone 206-274-3188, or email sep@seattlearch.org.

4. The Safe Environment Office will assign a facilitator for your trainings.

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