

Volunteer Requirements

Volunteers in direct contact with children need the PA State Police Criminal History Check AND PA Child Abuse History Certification PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING.

Only those volunteers who have lived outside of PA within the past 10 years need FBI fingerprinting prior to volunteering. Those volunteers living within the state of PA during the past 10 years must sign a "Volunteer Affidavit" (provided by the parish) and are not required to have fingerprinting completed.

AS OF JULY 1, 2016, VOLUNTEERS MUST PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE CLEARANCES (AND FINGERPRINTING, WHEN APPLICABLE) BEFORE THEY CAN VOLUNTEER.

THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD AS PER PA STATE LAW.

PSP Criminal History Background Check:

<https://epatch.state.pa.us>

Child Abuse Clearance:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Fingerprinting:

<https://www.pa.cogentid.com> (this is the registration site)

Fingerprinting Locations:

LIU 18, Kingston, PA
Children's Service Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA
The UPS Store 5937, Hazleton, PA

Mandatory Reporter Training:

The Diocese of Scranton requires all identified mandated reporters complete the online training course sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh. The training is at no cost. The link for the online training is <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu> Click on "Registration" at the top of the page to create your UserName and Password. Upon completion, a certificate must be printed and submitted to the parish.

VIRTUS Training:

ALL employees and volunteers, regardless of position, MUST attend VIRTUS training. Contact your program coordinator for information.

Anyone who has routine interaction & regular, repeated contact with children must comply with the above policies.