

## **VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT**

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that all who work with children - coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be:

- Virtus trained (see below)
- **Current with reading on-line bulletins**
- Read and signed off on Policy for **Protecting Children**
- Read and signed off on **Standards of Conduct**
- New registrations for volunteers must complete a Background Check through OBCI & I at a fingerprint location and have report submitted to the Parish Office. **Current volunteers with a BCI report that is 5 years or older must now renew Background check through Virtus.org under tab “Toolbox” and go to Selection.com. Must have a credit card to complete this process.**
- Filled out a **Volunteer Application**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You can check your compliancy by going to “Virtus.org”, signing in, and clicking on the green ‘Training’ tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Church Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, **YOU MAY NOT WORK WITH CHILDREN.**

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to the Diocese website at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org). Click on the **Child Protection** tab at the top, click on **Virtus** tab on the left. Enter the Diocese of Cleveland to view a list of sessions offered throughout our Dioceses. **Virtus training sessions will not be offered at St. Mark.**