

**Protecting God's Children Class –
September 22nd 6 pm – 9 pm
Activity Center at St. Thecla Catholic Church & School**

**This is not the refresher course; this is only for those who have never taken the class
either in person or online.**

The AOD provides the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children® Program for adults. This training is a research-based program that educates adults on how to become better protectors of children from child abuse. Participants will learn how to become an integral part of the solution to prevent, and respond to, child abuse & child sexual abuse.

The 3-hour session is only for adults and is required for clergy, staff and all the volunteers of the following ministries in our parish and school. Any other adults who would like to attend are invited. Please note that childcare is not provided for this session, and children may not participate. ***THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER TAKEN THE CLASS PREVIOUSLY**

The session will be on September 22, 6 pm – 9 pm. Please arrive by 5:30 pm for registration.

ALL ADULTS MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE! To register to attend the 3-hour awareness session, please go to

<https://www.virtus.org>

select "First-Time Registrant," then follow the prompts.

All participants must arrive on time or will need to participate within a different session. Late comers are not permitted and will not receive credit for attendance.

The content of the training includes stories from survivors of child sexual abuse, as well as hearing from abusers. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, or the subject content of child sexual abuse, please communicate either with either Shanon Rupkus rupkuss@stthecla.coom or Maegan Pierson pierson.maegan@aod.org. You are a vital part of keeping children and youth safe in every environment. We look forward to the successful implementation of this child sexual abuse awareness program and working together to protect the vulnerable.