MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!

In the Diocese of Little Rock, Beginning **July 1, 2017**:

**WHO** must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) **Employees**

2) **Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors**
   a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
   b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

**WHAT** training programs:

“**CMG Connect**” → online training for **adults**
(http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment)
(or directly at: https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org)

“**Circle of Grace**” → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will **no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”** Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.