



Maryland State Council Leadership 2020

Youth Protection



Process



- **Submit Forms**
 - Officers Chosen for Term Report (185)
 - Service Program Personnel Report (365)
- **Email sent with links to complete the REQUIRED training and Background Checks**
 - Grand Knight (Training)
 - Program Dir (Training)
 - Family Dir (Training&Background Check)
 - Community Dir (Training&Background Check)



You're Done



Youth Protection FAQ



- Does my clearance from other organizations count (NO)
- How long do we have to complete the requirements (30 Days)
- Impact of not completing the requirements
 - Loss of Star Council
 - No awards from State or Supreme
 - Removal from position
 - Forbidden from conducting Programs
- Risks
 - Expose the council and council leader to ligation
 - **Missing the signs of abuse and thus allowing a child to continue to be hurt**



HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND OUR ORDER FROM THE EVILS OF THE WORLD



Other Resources



From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has devoted a special section of its website to child and youth protection. Access to research on child abuse and youth protection, best practices for prevention and detection, and the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/index.cfm>
- The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. has created its own safe environment training program for the Church, VIRTUS, that is in use today by many local dioceses. Resources for parents, educators and children, as well as online training, can be accessed at: www.virtus.org

From the Knights of Columbus

- Fathers for Good is a web-based initiative of Knights of Columbus that supports parents as they raise their children in the Catholic faith. Articles addressing the challenges of child-rearing in today's world and tools for strengthening the family can be found here: www.fathersforgood.org
- Supreme Youth Protection site <http://www.kofc.org/en/safe-environment-program/index.html>