



The Brookville Parishes  
St. Peter & St. Michael the Archangel  
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On February 21, Archbishop Thompson has asked that **all** people who work or volunteer in our parishes and archdiocese complete Safe & Sacred and a background check every 3 years. This means if you sing in the choir, lector at Mass, work at the Festival, help with the Bingo, etc. **you will now need to complete Safe & Sacred and have a background check.**

I understand that this feels like overkill for some, but it is all in the best interest of our communities and for protecting our children. We want as many adults as possible to be trained in how to recognize and report inappropriate behavior and harmful situations. This is exactly what the online Safe & Sacred certification teaches. Every three years, refresher courses are required to keep us updated and watchful.

It might seem the same for a background check for people who never hurt a fly their entire lives. However, requiring it for everyone helps us not to single anyone out. If everyone who works or volunteers in the parish (no matter in what the capacity) willingly submits to a background check, they are doing me a service when I have to ask new volunteers and newcomers to undergo a background check. I can say that it has been required of everyone and I'm not singling this person out.

In the end, it is a system which is meant to protect our children in a broader scope. Your participation is greatly appreciated as we seek to safeguard our children with a firmer watch throughout the archdiocese.

*Please take time to read the letter from Archbishop Thompson inserted in the bulletin and found on our website:*  
[www.brookvilleparishes.com](http://www.brookvilleparishes.com)

In the meantime, if you volunteer or work for our parish but know that you have **NOT** completed the archdiocesan Safe & Sacred program or had a background check in the past 3 years, please contact Carla Hertel in the Parish Office ([chertel@etczone.com](mailto:chertel@etczone.com) or 756-647-5462) to get more information about how you complete these necessary archdiocesan requirements. If you know that you have not completed the program in the past you can begin the process at <https://safeandsacred-archindy.org>.

Archbishop Thompson is asking us to have **all volunteers'** complete Safe & Sacred training along with a background check **by July 1, 2018.**

I thank you for your support and doing your part to make our parish and archdiocese a safer environment for God's children.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Father Danda

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