



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 1, 2025

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Principals, and Safe Environment Coordinators
From: Erin Danaher, Director, Department for Personnel Services
CC: Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Monsignor David Hoefler

RE: 2023-2024 Safe Environment Audit Results

Thank you for your continued hard work to maintain a Safe Environment for God's Children in the Diocese of Springfield. The 2023-2024 Safe Environment *Charter* Audit was conducted for the USCCB by StoneBridge Business Partners. We received a letter from StoneBridge Business Partners acknowledging our participation, as is normal in a non-on-site audit year.

Reminder, the next onsite audit in 2025-2026 will cover efforts not just of 2025-2026, but **data from all three years**.

The following information outlines compliance results of the Diocesan Safe Environment Audit for parishes, schools, religious education programs, and diocesan agencies during the July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 audit period. The level of compliance achieved is determined by the information self-reported on the audit received from each entity.

Compliance, labeled in green, is demonstrated when at least 80% of the facts of parish life reported on the audit follow the requirements of the safe environment policies of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Entities receiving a rating of compliant with issues (yellow) have at least 50-79% compliance and entities receiving a non-compliance rating (red) have less than 50%. An explanation is provided for these two categories.

Remember these compliance numbers are based on **self-reporting**. **I applaud those parishes, even those who are not compliant, who reported accurate data.** As we further utilize the Catholic Mutual Group database, we have better visibility to help entities achieve compliance, including being able to fill out the audit easier by pulling reporting from the database.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. As you know, the mission to protect children and young people is an important responsibility, and we will continue making a difference together.

From Self-Reporting on Audit

City	Parish	Parish Audit Assessment	School Audit Assessment	PSR Audit Assessment
Alexander	Visitation of the BVM	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Altamont	St. Clare *Reports for St. Mary, St. Elmo & St. Anne, Edgewood	Non-Compliant - Of 37 volunteers, 35 need background checks	N/A	Compliant
Alton	Ss. Peter & Paul	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 46 volunteers, 2 need to be SE trained and 23 need background checks	N/A	N/A
Alton	St. Mary Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 179 volunteers, 6 need to be SE trained and 84 need background checks	Compliant	Compliant
Alton	Marquette Catholic High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Arcola	St. John the Baptist	Non-Compliant - Of 41 volunteers, 5 need SE trained, 28 needs background check, 1 parish employee needs background check	N/A	Compliant
Ashland	St. Augustine	Compliant	N/A	Non Compliant - Out of 4 volunteers, all need background checks. Did not indicate on audit if using Virtus training.
Assumption	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin M	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Auburn	Holy Cross Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Beardstown	St. Alexius	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Bethalto	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 60 volunteers, 15 need background checks	Compliant	Non Compliant - Out of 7 volunteers, 4 need background checks.
Brighton	St. Alphonsus *Reports for St. John the Evangelist, Medora	Non-Compliant - Of 70 volunteers, 18 needs background checks; Of 6 parish employees, 5 need background checks	N/A	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement.
Brussels	Blessed Trinity Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Camp Point	St. Thomas	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 46 volunteers, 10 need background checks	N/A	Compliant

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Carlinville	Ss. Mary & Joseph	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 91 parish volunteers, 23 need background checks	N/A	Compliant
Carrollton	St. John the Evangelist	Non-Compliant - Of 3 parish employees, 2 need background checks	Compliant	N/A
Charleston	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Chatham	St. Joseph the Worker	Compliant	Compliant - Preschool	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 27 PSR volunteers, 6 need safe environment training and 8 need background checks.
Collinsville	Ss. Peter & Paul Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Decatur	St. Thomas the Apostle	Non-Compliant - 28 parish volunteers, 15 need background checks	N/A	N/A
Decatur	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Decatur	St. Teresa High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Decatur	Holy Family Church *PSR for Ss. James and Patrick	Compliant	Compliant	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement. Of 3 PSR volunteers, 1 needs background check.
Decatur	Ss. James and Patrick Church	Compliant	Compliant	N/A
Dieterich	St. Isidore the Farmer	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Edwardsville	St. Boniface Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Edwardsville	St. Mary Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Effingham	Sacred Heart Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 256 volunteers, 75 need background checks.	Compliant	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement.
Effingham	St. Anthony of Padua Parish and Gr	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant

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Effingham	St. Anthony High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Effingham (Green Creek)	St. Mary Help of Christians	Non-Compliant - Of 145 volunteers, 1 needs safe environment training and 99 need background checks	N/A	N/A
Farmersville	St. Mary	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Franklin	Sacred Heart of Jesus *Has PSR for St. Sebastian, Waverly & Visitation, Alexander	Non-Compliant - Of 3 employees, 1 needs a background check; of 15 volunteers, 10 need safe environment training and 10 need background checks	N/A	Compliant
Gillespie	Ss. Simon & Jude *Reports for St. Joseph, Benld	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Girard	St. Patrick Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Glen Carbon	St. Cecilia Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Glen Carbon	Father McGivney Catholic High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Godfrey	St. Ambrose Church *Reports for St. Michael, Staunton	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 20 volunteers, 5 need background checks.	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 24 school volunteers, 6 need background checks.	Compliant
Grafton	St. Patrick	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Granite City	St. Elizabeth Church	Non-Compliant -Of 339 parish volunteers, 169 need safe environment training and 144 need background checks	Non-Compliant - Of 17 school employees, 6 need safe environment training and 6 need a background check; of 406 school volunteers, 213 need safe environment training and 213 need background checks	Compliant
Granite City	Holy Family Church *Reports for St. Mary & St. Mark, Madison	Compliant	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement.	Compliant
Grantfork	St. Gertrude	Non-Compliant -Of 2 employees, 1 needs a background check; Of 29 parish volunteers, 29 need background checks	N/A	Compliant

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Greenfield	St. Michael	Non-Compliant -Of 10 volunteers, 5 need safe environment training and 7 need background checks	N/A	N/A
Greenup (send to Marshall)	Christ the King *Reports for St. Charles Borromeo, Casey	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Greenville	St. Lawrence	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 115 parish volunteers, 38 need safe environment training and 38 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Hardin	St. Francis of Assisi Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 3 employees, 1 needs safe environment training and 1 needs a background check; Of 36 volunteers, 15 need safe environment training and 32 need background checks.	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 65 school volunteers, 21 need background checks.	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement. Of 6 PSR volunteers, 1 needs safe environment training and 5 need background checks
Highland	St. Paul	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Hillsboro	St. Agnes Church	Non-Compliant - Of 16 employees, 3 need safe environment training and 7 need background checks; Of 62 parish volunteers, 6 need safe environment training and 51 need background checks	Non-Compliant - Of 1 Pre-School employee, 1 needs safe environment training and a background check;	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement. Of 9 PSR volunteers, 3 need safe environment training and 5 need background checks
Hume	St. Michael Church	Compliant	N/A	Non-Compliant - Of 4 PSR volunteers, 4 need background checks
Illioopolis	Resurrection Parish	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 21 volunteers, 8 need background checks.	N/A	Non-Compliant - Of 4 PSR volunteers, 4 need to complete safe environment training and 4 need background checks
Jacksonville	Our Saviour Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 7 PSR volunteers, 3 need to complete safe environment training and 3 need background checks.

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Jacksonville	Roult Catholic High School	N/A	Non Compliant - VIRTUS Empowering God's Children was not conducted with the students. This personal safety training is an annual requirement.	N/A
Jerseyville	St. Francis Xavier *Reports for Holy Ghost and St. Mary, Fieldon	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Kincaid	St. Rita, Kincaid	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Liberty	St. Brigid Church *Reports for St. Edward, Mendon & St. Joseph, Qui	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Litchfield	Holy Family Church	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Livingston	Sacred Heart	Non-Compliant - Of 1 employee, 1 needs safe environment training; Of 13 volunteers, 6 need background checks	N/A	N/A
Marine	St. Elizabeth	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 48 volunteers, 2 need safe environment training and 15 need background checks.	N/A	N/A
Marshall	St. Mary	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Maryville	Mother of Perpetual Help	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 172 volunteers, 64 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Mattoon	Immaculate Conception	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Montrose	St. Rose of Lima Church	Non-Compliant - Of 8 employees, 3 need background checks; Of 121 volunteers, 96 need background checks	N/A	Non-Compliant - Of 11 PSR volunteers, 5 need background checks
Morrisonville	St. Maurice	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Moweaqua	St. Francis DeSales	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Mt. Olive	St. John Paul II Parish	Non-Compliant - Of 4 employees, 1 needs safe environment training and 4 need background checks; Of 46 volunteers, 3 need safe environment training and 43 need background checks	N/A	N/A

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Mt. Sterling	Holy Family Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 75 parish volunteers, 22 need background checks.	Compliant	Compliant
Mt. Zion	Our Lady of the Holy Spirit *Reports for St. Isidore, Bethany	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
New Berlin	Sacred Heart of Mary Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 26 volunteers, 6 need safe environment training and 5 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Newton	St. Thomas the Apostle	Compliant	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 60 school volunteers, 18 need safe environment training and 18 need background checks.	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 3 PSR volunteers, 1 needs a background check.
Nokomis	St. Louis Parish	Compliant	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 76 school volunteers, 3 need safe environment training and 21 need background checks.	Compliant
Oconee	Sacred Heart	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Pana	St. Patricks Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 85 volunteers, 1 needs safe environment training and 18 need background checks.	Compliant	Compliant
Paris	St. Mary *Reports for St. Aloysius, North Ar	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Petersburg	St. Peter Church *Reports for Holy Family, Athens	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 3 employees, 1 needs a background check; of 153 volunteers, 70 need background checks	N/A	Compliant
Pierron*	Immaculate Conception *Reports for St. Nicholas, Pocahontas	Non Compliant - Of 2 employees, 1 needs a background check; Of 105 parish volunteers, 105 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Pittsfield	St. Mary Church *Reports for St. Mark, Winchester	Non Compliant - Of 4 employees, 1 needs safe environment trianing and 1 needs background check; Of 98 volunteers, 50 need background checks	N/A	Compliant

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Quincy	St. Francis Solanus Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 7 employees, 2 need background checks; of 467 volunteers, 8 need safe environment training and 198 need background checks	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 11 school employees, 2 need safe environment training and 3 need background checks	Compliant
Quincy	St. Peter Church	Compliant	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 361 school volunteers, 11 need safe environment training and 106 need background checks	Compliant
Quincy	Quincy Notre Dame High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Quincy	Blessed Sacrament Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 4 employees, 2 need background checks	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 33 school volunteers, 8 need background checks	N/A
Quincy	St. Anthony of Padua	Non Compliant - Of 173 volunteers, 59 need safe environment training and 92 need background checks	Compliant	Non Compliant - PSR/Family of Faith numbers not reported
Quincy	St. Rose of Lima	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Ramsey	St. Joseph	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Raymond	St. Raymond Church	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Riverton	St. James Church	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Robinson	St. Elizabeth Church *Reports for OLOL, Oblong	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 6 employees, 2 need safe environment trained and 2 need background checks	N/A	Compliant
Rochester	St. Jude Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Shelbyville	Immaculate Conception	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Sherman	St. John Vianney Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 8 employees, 1 needs safe environment trained and 2 need background checks	N/A	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 10 PSR volunteers, 3 need background checks
Shumway	Annunciation Church	Non Compliant - Of 53 volunteers, 53 need background checks	N/A	Compliant

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Sigel	St. Michael the Archangel *Reports for St. Mary of the Assumption, Neoga & Sacred Heart, Lillyville	Non Compliant - Of 535 volunteers, 10 have not completed safe environment training and 270 need background checks	Non Compliant - Of 3 school employees, 2 need safe environment training and 1 needs a background check; Of 215 school volunteers. 65 need safe environment training and 120 need background checks.	Non Compliant - Of 12 PSR volunteers, 5 need safe environment training and 10 need background checks
Springfield	St. Patrick's School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Springfield	St. Katharine Drexel Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Springfield	St. Aloysius Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 3 employees, 1 needs a background check; Of 66 volunteers, 15 need a background check.	Compliant	N/A
Springfield	Sacred Heart Griffin High School	N/A	Compliant	N/A
Springfield	St. Joseph Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Springfield	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conce	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Springfield	Christ the King Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Springfield	Church of the Little Flower	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 70 volunteers, 10 need safe environment training and 35 need a background check.	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 95 school volunteers, 25 need a background check.	Compliant
Springfield	St. Agnes Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Springfield	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 4 parish employees, 1 needs a background check.	N/A	N/A
Springfield	Blessed Sacrament Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Staunton	St. Michael the Archangel *Reports for Sacred Heart, Livingston & St. JP II, Mt. Olive	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Ste. Marie	St. Mary of the Assumption	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 25 volunteers, 10 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 8 PSR volunteers, 2 need safe environment training and 4 need background checks

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Stonington	Holy Trinity	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Sullivan	St. Columcille	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Taylorville	St. Mary Church	Compliant	Compliant	Compliant
Teutopolis	St. Francis of Assisi Church	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 798 volunteers, 343 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Troy	St. Jerome Church *Reports for St. James, St. Jacob	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Tuscola	Forty Martyrs Church	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Vandalia	Mother of Dolors *Reports for St. Joseph, Ramsey	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Villa Grove	Sacred Heart	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Virden	Sacred Heart	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 6 employees, 1 needs a background check; Of 72 volunteers, 21 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant
Virginia	St. Luke *Reports for St. Fidelis, Arenzville	Compliant	N/A	Compliant
Waverly	St. Sebastian	Compliant	N/A	N/A
White Hall	All Saints	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Wood River	Holy Angels	Compliant w/ Issues - Of 59 volunteers, 2 need safe environment training and 11 need background checks.	N/A	Compliant

Charleston	Newman Center	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Decatur	Newman Center	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Edwardsville	Newman Center	Compliant	N/A	N/A

Springfield	Curia & Clergy	Compliant	N/A	N/A
Springfield	Catholic Charities	Compliant	N/A	N/A