## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

## **INFORMATION FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS**

As part of the Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Salina, priests, deacons, and seminarians, parish and school staff members, educators, and lay ministers that are EMPLOYED by a parish or school (or other entity associated with the diocese) and any other VOLUNTEERS with regard to their contact with minors are to be educated:

- About the nature of child sexual abuse
- How child sexual abuse is perpetrated
- How to report child sexual abuse
- Strategies for prevention of child sexual abuse

Currently, adults ministering with minors are to complete the Safe Environment Training video and integrated background check through CMGConnect, a web based on-line training program that specializes in helping parishes, schools, and religious organizations create Safe Environments for children and youth in the Catholic Diocese of Salina.

Additionally, all high school students (grades 9-12) who minister with minors complete their own training through the CMGConnect, platform. The high school training covers establishing appropriate conduct with minors. maintaining appropriate boundaries and reviewing social media guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the Safe Environment Program please contact your local school/parish Safety Coordinator:



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALINA IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.



Pope Francis has made it clear that the Church must hold the protection of minors amongst her highest priorities. Fr. Frederico Lombardi, SJ 7-2024