

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Diocese of Manchester



*December 2020*

## RESOURCES

Please remember that posters and reporting cards must be displayed at every church and school. Brochures and flyers are also available. To order: contact [emongeau@rcbm.org](mailto:emongeau@rcbm.org)

## TUESDAY DROP-INS

We are hosting weekly drop in meetings every Tuesday from 12:30-1:00 PM. Feel free to join in any time! We will send a reminder and meeting link each Tuesday morning.

## FINGERPRINTING

Fingerprinting of school employees is still deferred until the State of Emergency has been lifted, but Livescan sites are now open by appointment only. Call 223-3867 to schedule.

## NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT DATABASE COMING IN JANUARY 2021

We are pleased to announce that we will move to a new database in early January 2021. The current database will be down for at least a week beginning December 23 in order for the data to be migrated. The web address ([www.rcbmnh.org](http://www.rcbmnh.org)) will not change. We have been testing the new database along with a group of 10 volunteer SECS to whom we are very grateful! The new site is easy to use and similar to our current SED, but with better functionality. The site includes a video tutorial, User Guide, and Tip Sheet.



**LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY GROUP REGARDING HIGH RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACT [MEDINTINO@RCBM.ORG](mailto:MEDINTINO@RCBM.ORG)**

# KEEPING KIDS SAFE...

## in a pandemic

This has been a difficult year, but as we continue to adjust, child safety is still at the forefront of our priorities. Here are a few updates and ideas for continuing to ensure the safety of children:

--A policy has been developed for parishes that wish to hold online meetings with minors. The policy requires at least two trained, screened adults to be present and parents must also be present, depending upon the age group. The policy can be found at: <https://www.catholicnh.org/assets/Documents/Child-Safety/Policies/Policy-ParishOnlineMtgsMinors.pdf>

--Consider sending home our parent guides and other safety resources to families, such as those about online safety. Materials can be found at: [www.catholicnh.org/parents](http://www.catholicnh.org/parents)

--With many students learning from home, experts are worried that some children are experiencing abuse and neglect. If you are teaching any lessons to students virtually, stay vigilant about signs of abuse or neglect. Do not hesitate to report any concerns to DCYF at 1-800-894-5533.

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PODCASTS

*Series examines Church sexual abuse scandal*



The Catholic Project at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, has created a podcast series entitled, "Crisis: Clergy Abuse in the Catholic Church." The series covers events from 1985 through the present day and includes interviews with current Church leaders, including Deacon Bernie Nojadera, Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection. To listen or subscribe, visit <https://catholicproject.catholic.edu/podcast/>

## Volunteer opportunity

If you are interested in being a mentor to a new SEC in your area, please contact [medintino@rcbm.org](mailto:medintino@rcbm.org)

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## REMINDER!

Please remember to make database updates according to the following schedule:

### SCHOOLS:

At least once/month

### PARISHES:

Monthly in most cases; quarterly for smaller parishes. Mandatory due dates are Jan 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15

## IMPORTANT DATES

### DEC 23-JAN 3

The Safe Environment Database will be unavailable to allow for data transfer to new site.

### WEEK OF JANUARY 4

New Safe Environment Database goes live!

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