



DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER ~ Office of Safe Environment

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CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

The Diocese of Fall River is registered under the provisions of M.G.L., Ch.6, and Sec. 172 H to receive CORI for the purposes of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees, subcontractors, or volunteers. As a prospective or current employee, subcontractor, or volunteer for the position, please check one of the following:

- Chancery/Admin ~ Priest ~ Deacon ~ Paid Parish Staff ~ Parish Volunteer ~ Sub-Contractor
- Educator ~ School Staff ~ Seasonal Employee ~ Coach ~ School Volunteer ~ Chaperone

I understand that a CORI check will be submitted for my personal information to the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS). I hereby acknowledge and provide permission to the Diocese of Fall River (DIOCFR) to submit a CORI check for my information to the DCJIS. This authorization is valid for one year from the date of my signature. I may withdraw this authorization at any time by providing the DIOCFR written notice of my intent to withdraw consent to a CORI check. The DIOCFR may conduct subsequent CORI checks within one year of the date this Form that was signed by me provided, however, that the DIOCFR must first provide me with written notice of this check. By signing below, I provide my consent to a CORI check and acknowledge that the information provided in this Acknowledgement Form is true and accurate.

Organization: _____ City or Town: _____
(Indicate name of Parish, School, or Organization)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

*LAST NAME *FIRST NAME Middle Initial ALIAS

MAIDEN NAME MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME PLACE OF BIRTH

*DOB: (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____, *LAST SIX DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ - _____

Please provide address information for the past ten (10) years from the date of this request.

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____, Years lived: _____
Street, Town or City, State, and Zip Code

FORMER ADDRESSES: _____, Years lived: _____
Street, Town or City, State, and Zip Code
(If needed, please use a separate sheet of paper for additional addresses and submit with this request.)

THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR VALID GOVERNMENT PHOTO I.D. (REQUIRED BY LAW)

To be completed by the **DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE** verifying identification of the applicant.

FORM OF ID PROVIDED: _____ ID# _____ ISSUING AUTHORITY: _____
(Must be a government-issued photographic form of ID) (i.e. State)

Printed Name and Position of Diocesan Verifying Employee

Signature of Verifying Diocesan Employee

Dated

adult who habitually lacks the use of reason to be removed or transported away from parish or school property alone.

7. No one, other than a law enforcement officer responding to an emergency/crime, is allowed to carry or be in the possession of a weapon while working with a minor. This includes those who have a permit to carry any type of weapon. The term "weapons" shall be as defined by Commonwealth Law as found in the M.G.L. c.140, c.269, and c.276.
8. It is understood that alcohol and tobacco products are regulated and defined by age limits as established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All Diocesan personnel are expected to enforce these regulations and never purchase or provide alcohol or tobacco products for those who are underage.
9. Illegal drugs/controlled substances shall never be distributed to or purchased for minors who are in the care of any Diocesan personnel.
10. Prescription drugs shall never be distributed to a person whose name is not on the prescription.
11. No individual will be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or be abusing prescription drugs while engaged in professional or volunteer activities or while representing the Diocese of Fall River.
12. As professionals, it is inappropriate to give expensive gifts to (or receive expensive gifts from) minors who receive services from us. While it is difficult to define the term "expensive," for this purpose it is defined as a gift not to exceed \$50.00.
13. Always report any suspected abuse to the Office for Child Protection of Catholic Social Services at 508-997-7337 and other appropriate designated staff.
14. If anyone appears to be in imminent risk of harm, such as severe illness, kidnapping or life-threatening physical or sexual trauma, a call to 9-1-1 should be made immediately. As soon as possible, Diocesan authorities, including the Office for Child Protection, shall also be notified.

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- I understand that as a priest, deacon, religious, employee, volunteer working with children, youth and/or adults who habitually lack the use of reason, an investigative background check will be made on me.
 - I understand that failure to follow any rule in the Code of Conduct will result in an inquiry and possible corrective/disciplinary actions from the Diocese, up to and including termination of employment or the inability to volunteer in the Diocese.
 - I understand that if I am unclear about any Diocesan expectations of me, it is my responsibility to get clarification before taking action.

Applicant **SIGNATURE**

Date

Applicant **PRINTED NAME**

Parish/School/Site Name

Town of Parish/School/Site

Diocese of Fall River
CODE OF CONDUCT – Effective June 2017

Our children are the most precious gifts God has entrusted to our care. As a priest, deacon, religious, employee, or volunteer of the Catholic Church (hereafter known as diocesan personnel), I acknowledge that all individuals shall be treated with respect, courtesy, dignity, patience, loyalty and integrity. I promise to strictly follow rules in this Code of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the children, youth or adults who habitually lack the use of reason, in the Diocese of Fall River.

1. Diocesan personnel shall conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the discipline, norms, and teachings of the Catholic Church. This includes, but is not limited to, **refraining** from engaging in the following behaviors:
 - abuse of any type, (physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, or exploitative) of minors or adults who habitually lack the use of reason;
 - possession or distribution of child pornography (see #4);
 - possession of pornographic material while engaged in Diocesan duties or present at Diocesan events;
 - procurement or participation in the procurement of abortion, or committing homicide or euthanasia;
 - physical assault/fighting;
 - theft, fraud, or any type of misappropriation or misuse of Church funds or property; and
 - any conduct which is illegal under the laws of our country, state or local government.
2. Professionals in a supervisory or leadership capacity should be mindful of their responsibilities to the individuals they serve, and at no time shall the supervisor/leader role be used to coerce an individual to engage in any sexual, illegal or other inappropriate behavior. This includes refraining from grooming a minor for sexual interaction after s/he is of the age of consent.
3. As professionals, Diocesan personnel must always provide a safe environment, which ensures that all personal boundaries will be respected and not be violated. Diocesan personnel shall never touch an individual in a sexual or other inappropriate manner while engaged in Diocesan work or ministry, nor shall Diocesan personnel commit any illegal offense against another person at any time. It is illegal to sexually or physically abuse another individual.
4. At no time is it acceptable for any diocesan personnel to be in possession of child pornography and/or distributing child pornography (per M.G.L. c.272 s29B and s29C). Any diocesan personnel known to be in possession of such material and/or distributing the same shall be reported immediately to the proper authorities and shall be subject to an inquiry and possible disciplinary actions according to the *Diocesan Abuse Prevention Policies & Procedures* (2013).
5. All Diocesan personnel are required to observe appropriate protocols and boundaries when utilizing technology as part of their Diocesan work or ministry. Under NO circumstances should Diocesan personnel share, transmit, post or respond to sexual, illegal or inappropriate materials via any form of technology. Anyone receiving unsolicited sexual or inappropriate materials shall report the incident to the appropriate personnel immediately.
6. Situations in which an individual is alone with an unrelated minor are to be avoided. If a one-to-one meeting with an unrelated minor (or adult who habitually lacks the use of reason) must occur, it should be held in a public or visible area within a building, such as an office with an interior window or an office with the door open. Under no circumstances is a minor or an

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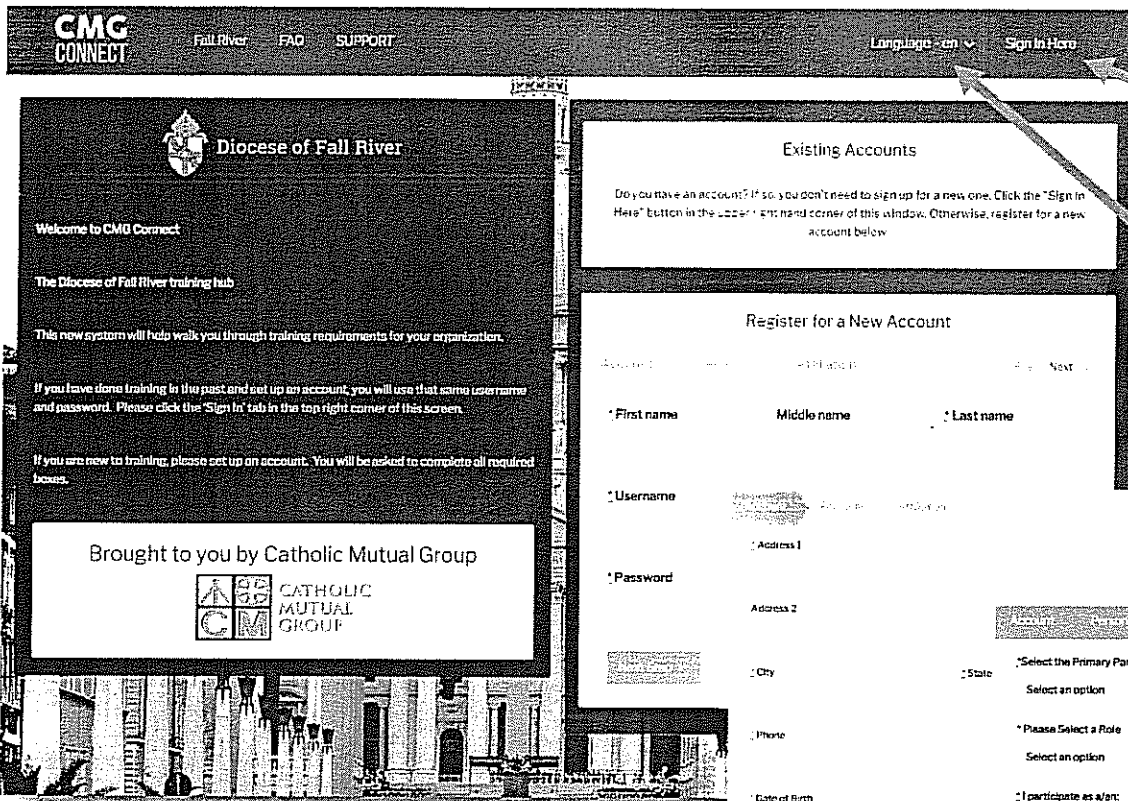


Safe Environment Training

Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://fallriver.cmgconnect.org/>
2. Create a new account by completing all the boxes under “Register for a New Account.” This includes address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. If you have questions please contact your parish/school coordinator.
3. Your main learning dashboard will show you all of the requirements and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular role within the Diocese.
4. Click ‘Start Curriculum’ for the Safe Environment Training.
5. Once training is completed, you can access your completion certificate by returning to the training dashboard and clicking ‘Download Certificate’.

For more information, please use your FAQ
or Support tab at the top of the screen.




Already have an account? Sign in here!

Users can click here to create their accounts in Spanish prior to registering

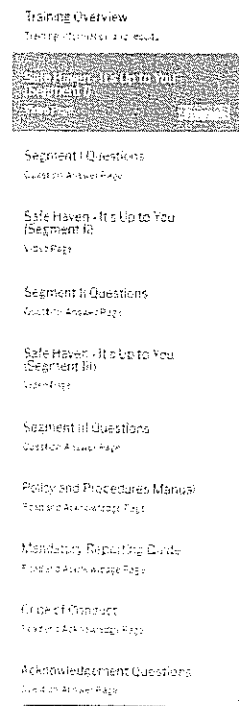
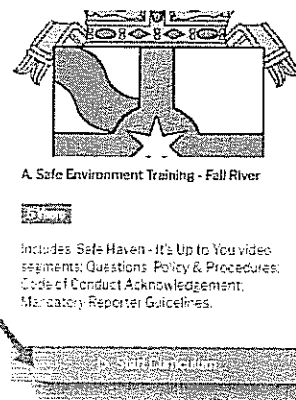
• You will progress through ALL three account creation screens before your registration is complete. *If you are unsure of what role to select for your participation category, please contact the diocese.*

• On your main dashboard, you will click Start Curriculum

• Complete the training sections—as you work through they will be marked as  in each box.

• When finished, click the 'Dashboard' tab on the left side of your screen to return to your training options.

• Access your certificate by locating the completed curriculum on your dashboard and clicking the gray 'Download Certificate' button.



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