



Welcome to our first newsletter ! I am very happy to begin this newsletter as a way to send you tips and helpful resources regarding Child and Youth Protection.

I recognized at the very beginning of coming on board here at the Diocese that you have many responsibilities and some wear many hats.

This newsletter is intended to help all of us to be consistent with information, using day to day best practices.

This is for you. So if you have something that is beneficial for the group, by all means let 's hear it and we can include it.

While I have met many of you, there are still more to meet and I **WILL** make my way to each of you. Please help me out and feel free to email me a most convenient time in your schedule and I will come to meet you. It is part of my commitment to you. For now we will share monthly and go to sharing bi-monthly down the road.



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## Safe Environment Newsletter

August 3-4, will be an exciting time for the Diocese of Lansing. We will certify 35 Protecting God's Children Facilitators at the end of a two day training at St. Francis Retreat Center. Our Facilitators will begin scheduling on site/live training sessions soon. You can go to [dioceseoflansing.org](http://dioceseoflansing.org) to find a list of sessions. I am so happy to say that we have Facilitators in all ten counties in our Diocese.



All parish staff, all school staff and school educators are **required** to take the Protecting God's Children at an on site/live training session. If a session is not available they may **TEMPORARILY** take the online version, but will need to attend an on site/live session within a reasonable amount of time. Please keep track of when this happens and make sure the on site/live session is completed by staff.



If you run a Master List in VIRTUS and it is longer than your arm, it might be that you have individuals still ACTIVE that have not been part of your school or parish in many years. PLEASE DO NOT DELETE their account. You can shorten your list by simply making their account INACTIVE.

The reason why you should mark INACTIVATE instead of DELETE is because they may belong to another school or parish that we may not know about. If you delete their record, it is gone forever. These records are permanent and should NEVER be deleted. This is even the case for a deceased parishioner.

Just a little about me . . .

I began work with the Diocese in September. Previously, I worked for a mid-size manufacturing company where I spent fifteen years in Human Resources. Prior to that , I spent fifteen years at Jacobson's Stores Corporate Office in Human Resources. My husband Jon and I are parishioners at St. Mary, Charlotte where he is our Music Director. Next summer we will celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary. We have three children, Jon ( JD) 21, Millie 19 and Samuel 17. I converted to Catholicism three years after Jon and I married.

### *I love our faith!!*

I love that as long as I live there is always something to learn and take great comfort in the way our Lord teaches us new things.