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**Instructions to Obtain PGC Certificates**

**Protecting God's Children Program (PGC)**

The Protecting God's Children™ program is a virtual training that includes videos and question and answer segments. All clergy, employees, or volunteers who interact with children are required to attend. Currently Protecting God's Children is once and done.

1. Please visit <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>
2. Select the **"First-Time Registrant"** button
3. Select  **"Begin the registration process"**
4. Using the dropdown arrow select **"Allentown, PA (Diocese)"**
5. Click **"yes or no"** if you have previously registered with Virtus. Select **"No"** if you are not sure.
6. Create a username and password, please keep these for future trainings
7. Please fill in all \*items. Do not select **"No Email,"** you must have an email address to do the virtual training.
8. Please select the primary location you will be volunteering/employed  
**Please select at least one primary role you perform at this location**  
**Please select any additional roles you perform at this location**  
**Please enter your actual title or position of service**
9. Select **"Yes"** if you are associated with any other diocesan locations, **"No"** if you are not.
10. Please answer the four questions on the next page, by selecting **"Yes"** or **"No"**
11. Please print and read the documents on the next page, **select "I have read and understand this document", fill in your name and the date, select continue.**
12. On the next page **Select "Online Training" or "Online Spanish Training,"** then click the **"Continue Button"**
13. Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session? select **"Yes" or "No"**
14. If you selected **"No"** please select the training you'd like to take (English or Spanish).
15. Your home page will open, please click on [You have 1 online module assigned](#), to start your training.
16. Thank you for registering for Virtus Online.
17. Upon completion, please print or take a picture your certificate and give to your supervisor or Local Safe Environment Coordinator. Certificate can be found under training history. 
18. The following roles will be assigned monthly online readings on the Virtus website:  
Priests      Deacons      Seminarians      Principals      K of C with Squire Programs  
DRE/CRE      LSEC      Coaches      Youth Ministers      Prep/CCD Teachers  
Employees      Teachers