

St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr, Catholic Church
Adult Religious Formation Registration Form 2021

**Adult
Confirmation**

Candidate's Full Name:

Last First Middle Home Phone #

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Are you currently living with anyone as husband & wife?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently married?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, how long have you been living together?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, are you married by the Catholic Church?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you preparing to be married in the Catholic Church? If yes, where? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Spouse's Name:

Last First Middle Cell Phone # Work Ph. #

Father's Name:

Last First Middle Cell Phone # Work Ph. #

Mother's Name:

Last First Middle Cell Phone # Work Ph. #

Candidate's Home Mailing Address

_____ 799 _____

(INCLUDE ZIP CODE) E-mail Address for contact person

Emergency Contact Full Name _____ Phone # _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Place of Birth: _____

Month Day Year City State

Baptism Date: ___/___/___ CHURCH: _____

Month Day Year Name Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

First Communion Date: ___/___/___ CHURCH: _____

Month Day Year Name Mailing Address City, State Zip Code

To register, please email the following to rfststephen@gmail.com

- *Scanned first 4 pages of completed registration form, Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate*

Authorized amount to be charged: **\$75.00** Credit Card: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Billing Address: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Saint Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish
Applicants Acknowledgement & Agreement for Adults Registering for the
Sacrament of Confirmation

I. Requirements for Registration:

- a. Adult candidate must have received Baptism and First Communion; certificates must be present at time of email registration.
- b. Adult candidate must be at least 18 years old.

II. Expectations of Candidates:

1. Candidates must attend all scheduled classes.
2. Candidates must complete all work missed due to absences.
3. A class schedule is given at the beginning of classes.
4. Candidates must bring a *New American Bible* to every class
5. Candidates and families are expected to attend Mass.
6. Candidates will attend an *Adult Confirmation Retreat*. This retreat is mandatory!
7. Arrive with a desire to learn and participate in group discussion and activities.
8. Please insure cell phones are turned off during gatherings or while at Mass.

III. Concerning a Spouse/Significant Other:

1. You're Spouse or significant other is encouraged to attend Mass with you.
2. If you are planning to be married in the Roman Catholic Church, please make an appointment with Father Joe Molina (remember to allow at least six months for marriage preparation).
3. If presently married by common-law or civil ceremony, please make an appointment with Father Joe Molina prior to payment of administrative fee.

IV. Adult Confirmation start date February 18, 2020

V. Sponsors:

1. Sponsors must be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. They must be baptized, have made their 1st Communion, they must have received Confirmation, and if they are married, they must be married in the Roman Catholic Church. INITIALS: _____
2. Each applicant for Adult Confirmation is to have one (1) Sponsor who may be either male or female but must be at least 18 years of age. INITIALS: _____
3. The Sponsor should take an active role in the in your preparation for Confirmation. The Sponsor must be available to attend informational meetings, gatherings and Mass with you as scheduled. INITIALS: _____
4. Sponsors can be divorced, but if remarried, must have remarried in the Roman Catholic Church. INITIALS: _____
5. Your Spouse, Significant Other, or Parent cannot be your sponsor. INITIALS: _____
6. Sponsor's sacramental certificates must be provided at the time of registration.

VI. Administrative Fee:

\$75.00 Must be paid in full at the time of registration. No refunds

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the requirements for my preparation for Adult Confirmation.

Applicant (Print & Signature)

Date

Time

**Catholic Diocese of El Paso and the Parish of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr
Adult Liability Waiver, Medical Release and Promotional Release Form**

****All adults participating in parish and/or diocesan religious formation events/trips must fill out this form****

Adult Participant's Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Do you text? Yes No

Have you completed the **Diocese of El Paso Safe Environment Program (Virtus Training)**? Yes No

If so, provide the date of completion or renewal: _____ Where did you attend training?: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Texting:** Yes No

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors, and assign to hold harmless and release the Diocese of El Paso, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese and his successors in office, diocesan employees, volunteers and St. Stephen religious formation program, their officers, directors, and agents from any liability (unless due in part to gross negligence of the diocese and/or parish) for illness, injury or death arising from or in connection with my attending a religious formation ministry event or trip beginning the 1st day of June, 2020 through the 31st day of June, 2021.

In the event any legal action is taken by either party against the other party to enforce any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, it is agreed that the unsuccessful party to such action shall pay to the prevailing party therein all court costs, reasonable attorneys fees and expenses incurred by the prevailing party. In the event that I should require medical treatment and I am not able to communicate my desires to attending physicians or other medical personnel, I give permission for the necessary emergency treatment to be administered.

Please advise the doctors that I have the following allergies: _____

Is the participant insured? Yes No

If yes, please fill out the information below *FROM THE PARTICIPANTS* Insurance Card:

Name of Policy Holder (whose name is the policy in?) _____

Insurance Carrier/ Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ Insurance ID Number: _____

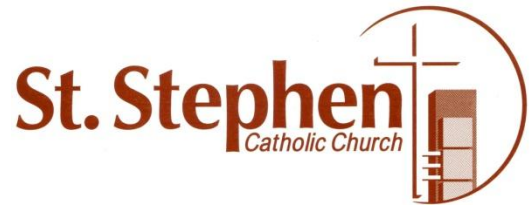
Claim Address: _____

Customer Service Phone Number: _____

Promotional Release

I also consent to the use of any videotapes, photographs, or any other visual reproduction (in perpetuity unless otherwise revoked by me in writing and delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to: Centro San Juan Diego, 901 W. Main Dr., El Paso, TX 79902 (ATTN: Director, Office of Religious Formation)) in which I may appear by the Diocese of El Paso. I understand that these materials, including websites and social media sites, are being used for promotion of the Religious Formation ministry of the Diocese of El Paso, which may include recruitment and fundraising efforts.

Signature _____ **Date** _____



VIRTUS TRAINING 2020- 2021

Adult Participant's Name: _____ DOB: _____

St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Religious Formation Program has a sexual abuse prevention program, called the "*Touching Safety Program*". This program is provided to us by the *Catholic Diocese of El Paso*, and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. The *Touching Safety* program is MANDATORY REQUIREMENT for all children, parents and adults participating in the Religious Formation Program.

This year the training is offered through the attached documentation to all parents and students at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr. If I have any questions, please contact Deborah Montoya Director of Religious Formation at rfststephen@gmail.com

I have received, reviewed and discussed the 3 page "Practical Advice for Parents brochure" with my child. .

Adult Participant's Name (PRINTED)

SIGNATURE

DATE

For additional training please go to www.cmgpagent.org or

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Practical Advice for Parents On Preventing Child Sexual Abuse A Resource Provided to You Through the Protecting God's Children® Program

EDITOR'S NOTE: Parenting is the most influential responsibility an adult undertakes in life. It is also the one job for which adults receive the least amount of training. Society expects parents to know what to do, to always take appropriate actions, and to behave daily in a manner that provides a wonderful role model for their children. However, society does not provide parents the tools and skills they need to live up to these expectations. The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., provides parents with this free handbook to help them focus on practical steps designed to help protect children from sexual abuse. This handbook was produced for our Protecting God's Children program as a part of our VIRTUS® programs.

The first step to protecting children from sexual abuse is educating parents about the nature of the problem. Awareness about child sexual abuse—what it is and who commits it—opens the door to some simple steps parents can take to protect children. No one has more at stake or a more vested interest in protecting children than the people who gave them life. Awareness, education, and responsible parenting give a child the best tools for her or his defense—and the child may be more likely to tell an adult if something happens.

The Protecting God's Children program is designed for adults in our faith community—to raise their awareness about the nature of child sexual abuse, to educate them on how to recognize the warning signs, and to train them about what to do when they suspect a child is being victimized. The program includes awareness sessions, videos, web-based training modules, online training bulletins, and other programs specifically designed to assist parents and other adults.

The first of two centerpiece videos, *A Time to Protect God's Children*, presents an accurate, clear, and effective introduction to the subject of child sexual abuse. Awareness usually gives rise to the question: "What can I do?" The second video, *A Plan to Protect God's Children*, trains adults to recognize some of the primary symptoms of child sexual abuse and what to do if a child reports abuse. We recognize that parents need practical advice. Parents bear the primary responsibility for the safety and well-being of their children. Here are some practical actions that parents can take to help protect their children from sexual abuse:

1. By virtue of their physical size, adults have power over children—and that increases a child's vulnerability. For example, parents and other authority figures teach children to "obey adults." When children hear this message, they may interpret it to mean that *all* adults have the authority to tell *all* children what to do, *all* the time. If this is a child's interpretation, then the message has created additional vulnerability for the child. Yet, some simple, common sense steps can help minimize a child's vulnerability. For example:

§ Do NOT insist that children hug or kiss relatives or friends. Let children express affection on their own terms.

§ Let children know that their feelings are important to you. Intervene if you notice that your child is uncomfortable doing something that another adult asks him or her to do. Let the child know that you will protect him or her from this discomfort. That doesn't necessarily mean that you should let children off the hook when it comes to doing their chores or cleaning up a mess they've made.

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2. Learn to recognize and take advantage of teachable moments with children. Be willing to openly discuss sensitive issues. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following age-appropriate conversations with children:
 - § From ages 18 months to 3 years—begin teaching children the proper names for all body parts.
 - § Ages 3 to 5 years—teach children about private body parts and how to say “no” to anyone who touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. Give them direct answers to questions about sex.
 - § Ages 5 to 8 years—talk about good touches and bad touches, and safety away from home.
 - § Ages 8 to 12 years—focus on personal safety issues.
 - § Ages 13 to 18 years—discuss issues such as rape, date rape, HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases, and unintended pregnancy. There are also professionals in the community who can provide assistance with forming age-appropriate responses to children’s questions and concerns. Remember, regardless of the child’s age: **Take advantage of teachable moments.**
3. Games are a great way to reinforce the lessons you teach your children about safety issues. For example, children are always asking parents, “What if?” Using this same game, parents can raise their own concerns and encourage their children to *think* and *make decisions* relying on the lessons they have learned.
4. Teach children to say, “Stop it,” to instructions that might encourage them to do things that they *really* do not want to do. Reinforce the rule that children should say, “Stop it,” to requests or demands that make them uncomfortable, even if they *think* they should obey. A discussion of these rules can teach a child that there are some times when it is okay to say, “Stop it,” and other times when it is okay to go along with the instructions. Everything hinges on context. Parents must teach their children how to discern between an *appropriate* request and an *inappropriate* request.
 - For example, it is appropriate to follow the instruction to “Be nice,” as long as the instruction is within an appropriate context, such as, “Be nice and don’t throw things at the other children.”
 - But, tell children its okay to disobey this request if, for example, someone says, “Be nice and take off your clothes.”
5. Know where children spend their time. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a particular child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child.
6. Make unannounced visits to the child’s nursery, babysitter, daycare center, or school. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, make sure that there are no areas where children play or work that are “off limits” to parents. Taking these actions raises awareness among caregivers, and reinforces the responsibility they have for the safety of the children in their charge.
7. Find out if the child’s school or church religious education programs include a sex abuse prevention curriculum. If not, volunteer to be on a committee to establish such a program. Work with teachers to review available programs and make recommendations to school administrators. Talk with other parents about supporting the addition of child sexual abuse prevention material to existing child safety programs.

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Do NOT allow a child to go alone on “vacation” with *any* adult other than the child’s parent.

Do NOT allow a child to spend the night alone with *any* adult other than the child’s parent or another **safe** adult’s **Except in the case of a serious emergency, Do NOT** allow a child to travel alone—even for a very short distance—with *any* adult other than the child’s parent or another **safe** adult. You should also prohibit children from accepting expensive gifts from an adult, particularly if one child is singled out for special attention. Parents can make an important difference. However, without a supporting organization to help bring together a community’s resources, experts, and commitment, parents are limited in their ability to impact community-wide child abuse prevention. That’s where we can help.

The Church can join with parents to build a society where children are no longer at risk of being sexually abused, where those who have been victimized can find the resources and courage to heal, and where all people live together in loving, supportive relationships.

Resources:

Child Sexual Abuse: What It Is and How to Prevent It, American Academy of Pediatrics, 1999.

Adams, C., and Fay, J., *No More Secrets: Protecting Your Child From Sexual Abuse*, Impact Publishers, Ninth Printing, 1991.

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