

Volunteer Requirements Frequently Asked Questions

What is involved in a Criminal Background Check?

Fingerprints are taken and run through the database maintained by the State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I). The subject's identity is verified and a report is generated that lists any current warrants and any previous convictions. For volunteers who have been residents of Ohio for less than 5 years, fingerprints will be submitted to the FBI and a national background check will be run.

How do I know if I need to be fingerprinted?

If you are involved in a school- or parish-sponsored activity in which you are (or reasonably could be) the only adult present with any children other than your own, you will need to submit fingerprints for a background check.

How do I get fingerprinted?

To make this as easy as possible for our many generous volunteers, we have arranged for several fingerprinting sessions to be held in conjunction with John Carroll University. There will be no charge to the volunteers for fingerprinting done at Gesu. Be sure to bring your driver's license or photo ID with you to the fingerprinting session and your Social Security number. See contact information above.

Who will see the results of BCI&I background checks?

All volunteer information will be held in the strictest confidence. Results will be reviewed by Gesu Business Manager, Gesu Principal, and the Gesu Pastor. Any information that causes concern will be reviewed by the Gesu Pastor.

What type of criminal background would disqualify a volunteer?

Any conviction for a sex offense, a crime involving children, or moral corruption would make a volunteer ineligible to serve in any situation involving minors.

Where can I attend a Virtus training session?

Use the links listed above to find out where upcoming sessions will be held. You can also register online for this training.

Thank you again for your cooperation with these requirements. We hope that it assures you of the fact that we are acting on behalf of each child's safety in these very serious matters.