Be a Saint Andrew School Volunteer …

Pennsylvania state law requires that volunteers and employees who have regular contact with children go through a background check process to help ensure that those who are entrusted with the care and well-being of our children are free of any potential child endangerment.

Additionally, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires they attend a training session entitled *Protecting God's Children Awareness Session for Adults.*

The three requirements are

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check
  *(must be updated every 5 years *)*
- Pennsylvania Childline Child Abuse History Clearance
  *(must be updated every 5 years *)*
- Archdiocesan Protecting God's Children training session
  (a one-time requirement)

All background checks <u>must</u> be received within 30 days of working with children. *Attendance at the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training is expected within 90 days of beginning service to children.*

Those who do not comply must be moved to "inactive status" until all requirements have been completed.

To make meeting the 30-day requirement easier for volunteers, the state has set up a special "requesting agency" whereby individuals can now sign a release allowing the results of the Child Abuse History Clearance to be sent directly to the parish.

Completed request forms and the release should be sent to or dropped off at the Rectory for processing. Fees will be paid by the Rectory.

To obtain a schedule of the Archdiocesan training class go to
http://archphila.org/protection/SafeEnv/sep_main.htm
Pre-registration is encouraged, although walk-ins are welcome.

* Volunteers who have had a break in service for a year or more will require a new state Criminal Record Check and a Child Abuse History clearance.