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### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING!**

In February and March, our diocesan Safe Environment Office will launch *Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0*, a VIRTUS® online re-certification training for anyone who completed the “VIRTUS live training” in 2014 or prior.

If you work or volunteer in one of our diocesan parishes or schools and are due for re-certification, you will receive an email from VIRTUS Online with credentials to login and complete the training, which takes 30-40 minutes and can be done at any time of the day.

*Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0* reviews what we can do as people of God to prevent child abuse and to respond to it appropriately if it does occur. The program reinforces the five steps in our plan to protect God’s children:

- Know the warning signs.
- Control access through screening.
- Monitor all ministries and programs.
- Beware of child and youth behavior.
- Communicate your concerns.

If you received live certification in 2014 or prior and do not receive an email by the end of February, please contact your parish, school, or the Office of Safe Environment. Remember that, without re-certification, you will be unable to continue working or volunteering.

Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to keeping a safe environment in our schools and parishes for our children and young people.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this training,  
Please contact your parish/school office,  
Or me at 507-858-1244 or mhamann@dowr.org.

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