



Planning Safe Church Training for your Parish?

All Church personnel, paid and volunteer, as well as those with unencumbered access to the parish, need to complete Safe Church training in person. The majority need to receive initial training in person but may renew online, every five years. However, four categories of people may complete their initial training

1. Nursery Workers (paid or volunteer)
2. Parochial School teachers
3. Sunday School or Church School teachers
4. Keyholders (outside groups)

In Person Training

There are a number of trainers authorized by the Diocese of Long Island to travel to your parish and lead an on-site training session. In total training usually last between 4-5 hours accommodating no more than 40-50 people. The trainer's fee is \$400. Parishes may not charge participants for these sessions, so you may want to partner with a neighboring parish to share the cost. During sessions, a member of clergy, staff, or vestry should be available for pastoral purposes or if any questions or concerns regarding your specific parish context arise. If you are interested in this option, please email Aissa Hillebrand at ahillebrand@dioceseli.org.

Parish training sessions are listed on the diocesan and Mercer calendars, and are open to all members of the diocese. Host parishes handle the registration process, and may give priority to their own parishioners.

The Mercer School will offer five, in-person training sessions this academic year, free of charge. Advance registration is required, and sessions fill quickly. You may register online. Links to registration can be found on the calendar available on the Mercer School website.

FOR UPCOMING TRAININGS AT THE *MERCER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY* IN GARDEN CITY PLEASE GO TO: **MERCERSCHOOL.ORG**

Online Training

To set up online training, first determine an online administrator for your parish. This person will be responsible for directing trainees to the website, and overseeing their completion of the necessary training units, which vary depending on their ministry. Once you have determined an online administrator (typically a member of the clergy, vestry or staff) email Aissa Hillebrand, ahillebrand@dioceseli.org, to register them. You will need to provide a four digit number which is used to create an ID for logging into the online system.

Policies

Access the Diocese of Long Island's Safe Church policies on the diocesan website:
<http://www.dioceselongisland.org/safechurch/index.html>.

More information on Safe Church may also be found on the Mercer website: <http://www.mercerschool.org>.

Contact

If you have questions about Safe Church training, please email Aissa Hillebrand ahillebrand@dioceseli.org or call: **516-248-4800 Ext. 150**.

