



Safe Environment Special Bulletin

August, 2018

Introducing New Personnel:

I am so delighted to introduce the new member of our Safe Environment Office Staff, Mrs. Maggie Beckham. As you know, for the past six years, Safe Environment has been a part-time position for me working twenty hours a week. Maggie is a full-time employee, working Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30.

We will be working as a team but one of the major responsibilities that Maggie will oversee is the **data base administration**. Starting immediately, any questions, problems or issues connected with the data base should be addressed to Maggie Beckham. Her direct phone number is **405-709-2748** and her email is **mbeckham@archokc.org**. Maggie has been training with Rose Mary Story over the summer and is now ready to assume full responsibility for the data base.

Maggie comes to us from St. John the Baptist Parish in Edmond. Her past experience has been as the Director of St. Francis/St. John Preschool in Stillwater. She is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Social Science (Early Childhood). Maggie also has a Certificate in Catechesis from St. Gregory's University.

With time, we will be working on delineating in greater detail the specific responsibilities of this new position. Until further notice questions may be directed to either Maggie or myself on any issue of Safe Environment. I will continue to be here on Monday and Tuesday from 8:30-4:30 and Wednesday from 8:30-1:30.



Thank you...



I would like to express my deep gratitude to Rose Mary Story for her work over these past years. As you know, Rose Mary has been our librarian as well as the data base administrator for Safe Environment. Over the years, I have received nothing but facilitator praise for the good work that she has done. In carrying out her Safe Environment responsibilities Rose Mary has always been gracious, efficient and helpful. Thank you, Rose Mary for these many years of faithful service!

Rose Mary is still working in the Pastoral Center library. In addition, she is now working on the archives with George Rigazzi, Archivist. We wish her well in this new challenge.

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Form A...

Last week I sent an email with "Form A" attached. Thank you to the many who have already returned that information. This is the form that can be found in the first section of your Facilitator Manual. It's purpose is to keep our data base of facilitators' contact information current. Although it is not due until August 15th (next Wednesday) I really appreciate receiving it as soon as possible. You may fax it, mail it, scan and email it to me.

cpowers@archokc.org or fax: 405-721-5210

Background Check Re-runs...

You were reminded last May to make sure that you "clean up" your recheck queue in your data base. Any employees or volunteers who are listed in your data base and are no longer with you, should be archived. This is in preparation for the **background check re-runs** that will take place on **Monday, October 8th**. Those employees or volunteers who were last checked in October, 2015 will be re-run on October 8th. Your parish will be charged for anyone who is re-run at that time. The rate is \$7.00 per person for the re-run.



Last week Mr. Jim Beckman, Director of the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, sent out, via "Flocknote", the revised (2018) curriculum for "Circle of Grace". If you did not receive this, please contact Cheryl Clemons at cclemons@archokc.org.

I would take this opportunity to remind you that "Circle of Grace" is a very important part of the Safe Environment Program of our Archdiocese. Every grade level must teach the appropriate lessons. Hopefully, you have already set aside a designated time in your catechetical or school calendar to accomplish this. Also, parents should be informed of when it will be taught, given the opportunity to review the materials and have the opportunity, if they see fit, to have the child "opt out" of the lessons.

All compliance forms will continue to be sent to Cheryl Clemons for religious education classes and to Diane Floyd for the Catholic schools.

As we begin a new academic year let us all renew our resolve and our pledge as a Church to provide the safest environment possible for our children, youth and vulnerable adults. It is a serious responsibility that we cannot neglect. Blessings on each of you for a wonderful year and thank you for the work that you do for Safe Environment.