



---

## Saint Basil The Great

### **The Safety and Protection of Children**

St. Basil the Great Parish is blessed by the presence and involvement of many adults who give freely of their gifts and time in ministry to children and youth. As a parish community, we believe that children and youth are a sacred trust. We believe that the children and youth participating in all of our programs and ministries should be treated with dignity, respect and care.

Consistent with this belief, St. Basil the Great has adopted the following policy for the safety and protection of our children and youth. As parishioners of St. Basil the Great we pledge:

1. To develop safeguards to screen those in the parish who have contact with children.
2. To direct alleged, reported and suspected incidents of abuse to the proper authorities immediately.

### **Procedure/Background Checks**

Criminal background checks will be done for everyone in our community who regularly has the privilege and responsibility of ministering to and caring for children, including, but not limited to, our pastoral staff, teachers and staff in our PSR program, volunteers serving in our CYO sports programs, youth ministry and scouting programs and any other parish programs ministering to children and youth. We will begin conducting background checks in the summer and fall of 2002.

Thanks to the willingness and cooperation of one of our parishioners, Captain Mike Carlin of the Brecksville Police Department, we will conduct the entire process right here at the parish with a minimum amount of inconvenience for our youth serving volunteers. Captain Carlin will fingerprint volunteers in the Rectory Meeting Room on:

**Saturday, September 7, 2002 from 10:00am - 12:00noon**

**-or-**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2002 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

In order to do this as efficiently as possible, we are requesting that you fill out the enclosed authorization and return it to the Parish office by September 1, 2000. This will enable us to prepare the necessary fingerprint card, which you will be asked to sign when you come for fingerprinting.

Once the background check is completed, we will receive a report from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII). Based on that report and any criminal arrests or convictions it may contain, St. Basil personnel will make a decision on whether the parish will utilize your services as a volunteer. Decisions will be made as required by parish/diocesan policy and applicable state law. This information will become the private property of the parish and will be kept confidential except as required by law. The information will be maintained in a locked cabinet in the parish offices and will be accessed only by authorized parish personnel, including the Pastor and Associate Pastor.