

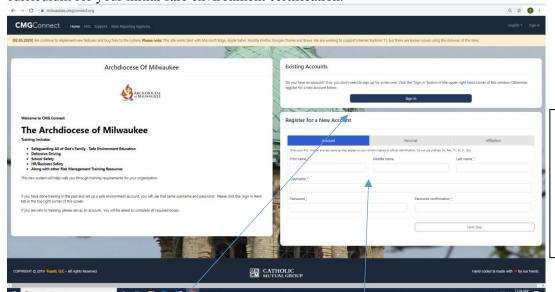
# Instructions for Completing Initial Safe Environment Certification

You are being asked to complete the Safe Environment Certification process in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This certification is one of the ways that our Catholic communities work to prevent abuse in our parishes, schools, and communities. As part of this process, you will be logging into/creating an account in CMG Connect to complete the required online portions of the certification process and to register for a live Safe Environment training.

If you have any questions regarding the Safe Environment Certification process, please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator or the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office.

### Logging Into Your Account or Creating an Account in CMG Connect

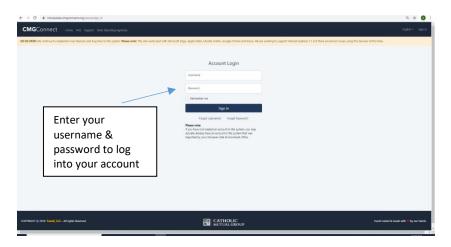
Please go to <u>milwaukee.cmgconnect.org</u> to log into your CMG Connect Account to register for and complete the curriculum for your initial safe environment certification.



## Please Note:

When registering for a new account, contact your parish or school if you are unsure which site or category to select when setting up your account.

Please click on either Sign In button or Register for a New Account;

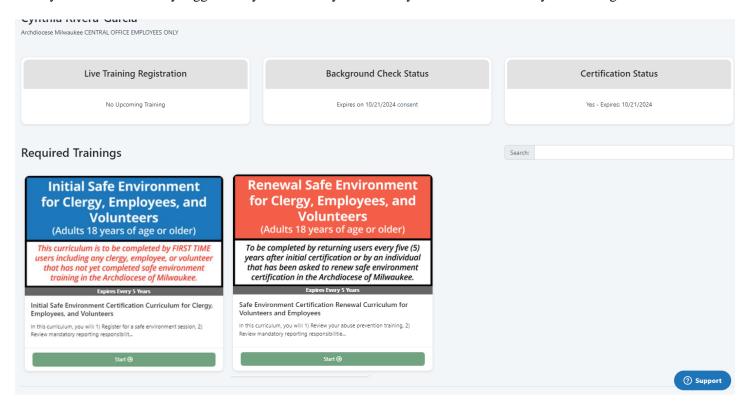


### Please Note:

(If you were told you have an account and you have never logged into your CMG Connect account, please contact your parish/site Safe Environment Coordinator and they will be able to temporarily reset your password. Please enter the temporary password and you will be prompted to change your password upon logging into your account. Once you have set your new password, you will need to re-log into your account again using the new password that you have set.)

# Completing the Initial Safe Environment for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Curriculum

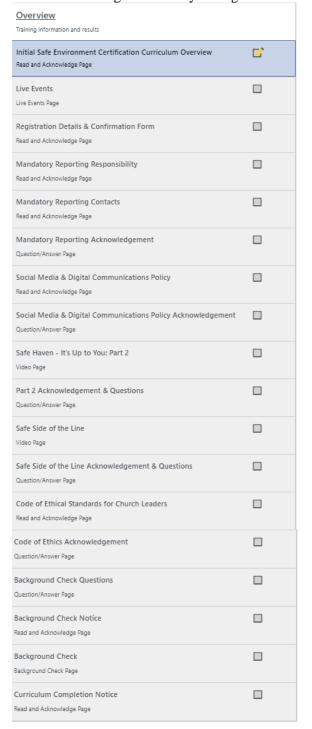
Once you have successfully logged into your account you will see your main screen with your training information.



You will need to scroll down to *Required Trainings* to find the curriculum listed as **INITIAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CLERGY, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS.** (This is the online curriculum you need to complete for your initial safe environment certification.)



# You will need to go all the way through the curriculum sections.





Once you complete a curriculum section, you will see a green checkmark box next to the curriculum screen overview.

A yellow pencil in the box next to the curriculum section indicates an incomplete curriculum section.

### Sections include:

- Important information regarding Safe Environment Certification,
- Registering for a live safe environment education training session,
- Reading and acknowledging PDF of policies,
- Viewing two videos and responding to questions regarding the videos,
- And completing the information for your criminal background check.

Please read through and complete all curriculum sections carefully.

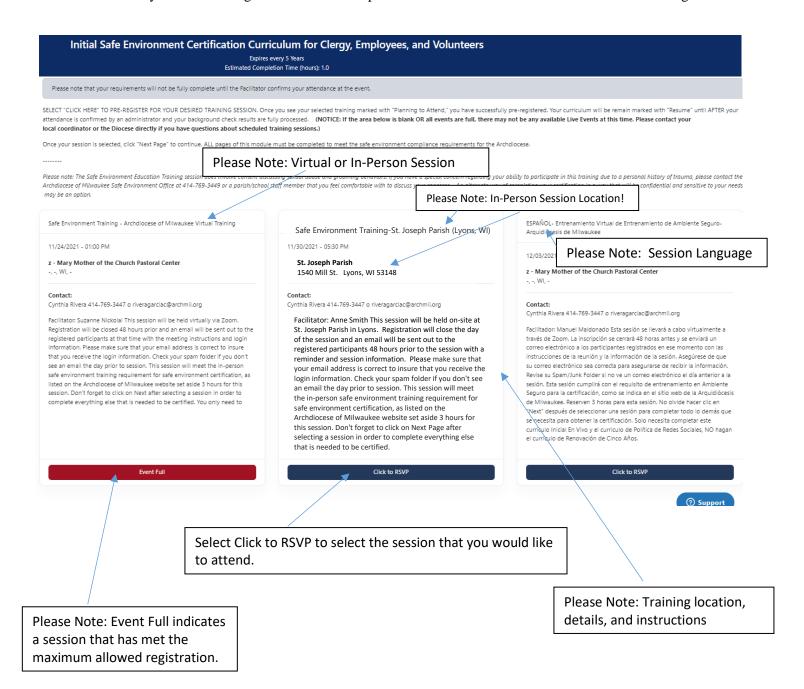
The estimated time to complete all online portions of this curriculum is one hour.

Please note: The Safe Environment Education Training session does involve content discussing sexual abuse and grooming behaviors. If you have a special concern regarding your ability to participate in this training due to a personal history of trauma, please contact the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office at 414-769-3449 or a parish/school staff member that you feel comfortable with to discuss your concerns. An alternate way of completing your certification in a way that will be confidential and sensitive to your needs may be an option.

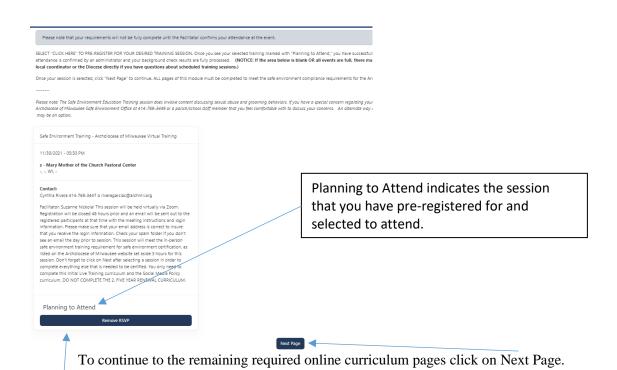
### **Section -Live Events**



Please click the <u>Click to RSVP</u>, for the training session option that better suits your availability. You will need to set aside 3 hours of time for your live training session for both in-person and virtual safe environment education training sessions.



Important Please Note: The Safe Environment Education Training sessions involve active participation and small group activities as part of this training. We encourage you to select an in-person training session at a parish or school, if possible. Virtual sessions are offered in limited capacities for a limited number of participants. Individuals participating in virtual sessions must have access to a device with a camera, speakers, and microphone to participate.

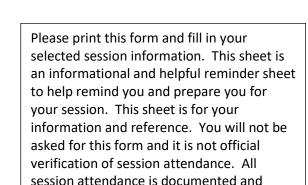


\*\*If you are unable to attend the original session selection, you are able to return to this section of the curriculum to remove an unattended session. You will have to click on the Live Events box and remove RSVP to select another session to attend. \*\*

# **Section – Registration Details & Confirmation Form**

Registration Details & Confirmation Form

Read and Acknowledge Page



verified in CMG Connect.

To complete this curriculum section, please click on I Understand and Agree to the Above Terms.

# Registration for In-Person or Virtual Safe Environment Training Session

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Please note that all sessions must be attended in their entirety.

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Sate Environment Education Training Sessions are for individuals 18 years of age of older. Children and youth under the age of 18 years are not able to be present for the training due to the content of the training. Childcare is not provided unless indicated on the session information. Sessions typically last about three (3) hours.

Virtual sessions are held live via Zoom led by a facilitator. An email will be sent to the email address on file in your CMG Connect account 48 hours before the session start date with instructions and handouts for accessing and participating in your session. Please verify that you have a correct email address entered into your CMG Connect account. You will need video and audio capabilities with your device to participate in the session. This session is live and is not pre-recorded; your active participation is expected. Please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator if you have any special needs or require assistance.

In-Person sessions are held on-site at the address listed. Participants must arrive on time for the session and will be required to attend the training in its entirety. Sessions are in English, unless otherwise noted.

I have signed up for safe environment training on		at
	Date	Time
Location of Training:		

NOTE: To review the event details for the session you have registered for, click the Live Events page on the left side of your screen. Your name has successfully been added to the roster for the event if the selection is marked "Planning to Attend".

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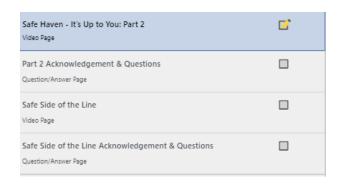
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### **Sections -**

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Social Media & Digital Communications Policy Read and Acknowledge Page	~
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In the Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities and Social Media & Digital Communication sections, you will be reviewing and acknowledging policies and guidelines. Please read through these documents carefully so that you will understand what are the expectations for you and other adults in the parish/school.

### **Sections-**



In these sections, you will be viewing two videos on abuse prevention and boundaries. You must view these videos in their entirety and you will not be able to fast-forward or skip them. After viewing each video, you will answer questions about the video to check your understanding. Use the Submit and Next Page buttons to advance to the next sections.

# **Section- Code of Ethical Standards**



Please completely read over the Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders and complete the acknowledgement.

Once you have read and agreed to the terms click on the *I Understand and Agree to the Above Terms.* 



### Sections - Background Check Questions and Notice



Please select your answers and click on the **Submit Answers** 



The next step in your Safe Environment Certification Process is a **Background Check** submission.

- Please review your personal details to confirm that all information is accurate. When all required fields are complete, the Submit button will activate.
- 2) To ensure your background check is sent to the correct parish/school, make sure to select the correct primary parish/school from the drop-down list BEFORE clicking the Submit button.



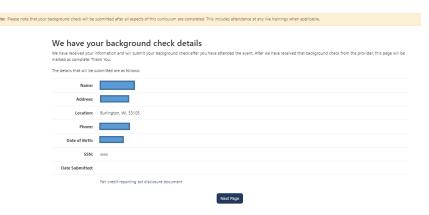
Once you have read and agreed to the terms click on the <u>I Understand and Agree to the Above Terms</u> to advance to your background check information.

Please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator or the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office for additional instructions if you do not have a Social Security Number.

### Screen -Background Check

Background Check ď Background Check Page For Office Use ONLY - Milwaukee Review the consent and enter If you do not have a middle name please remember to check this your background check box. information. You are completing this criminal background check on behalf of Your Parish/School site where you are volunteering/being employed. Please make sure your site in this field is the parish/site you are volunteering/working at. Please make sure you check this box! I agree to terms and conditions Read terms And conditions If you are a recident of the CE ME ME MN NI NY or WE click

Next step is to click *Submit Background Check Request*.



Once submitted, you will see a confirmation that your background check details have been entered, and that your background check will be submitted AFTER you have attended your live safe environment education training session.

### **Section – Curriculum Completion Notice**

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

You have now completed all components of the online portion of your Initial Safe Environment Certification Curriculum.

- You must attend the Safe Environment that you selected at the beginning
  of this curriculum. If you are not able to attend your selected session, you
  can go back into this curriculum to change your RSVP to select a different
  session to attend.
- After you have attended your Safe Environment Education Training session, your attendance will be confirmed and your background check will process.
- You are not certified until your Safe Environment Certification Status is listed as YES or APPROVED in your CMG Connect account. Your certification status will be determined after your background check has been reviewed.
- You must be Safe Environment Certified prior to beginning ministry, employment, or volunteering at any parish or school.

If you have any questions about your Safe Environment Certification status, please contact either your parish or school safe environment coordinator or the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office for assistance.

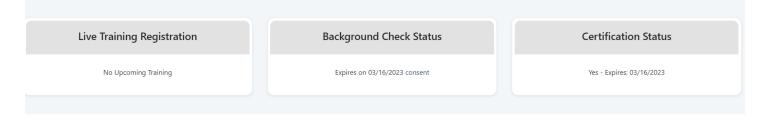
Please Note: This last screen indicates successful completion of the online portion of this curriculum.

You must attend the live safe environment training session that you RSVP'd for in this curriculum in order for your criminal background check to process.

Your background check will be submitted for processing when your attendance at the safe environment session is documented by the Safe Environment Office.

Your parish/school will receive your criminal background check for review usually between 2 to 3 days after it has been submitted for processing. During high volumes, the criminal background check can take as long as 1-2 weeks for processing and review.

Once your background check and certification has been completed you will be able to view your certification and the date of expiration for your certification under your training screen.



If you have any questions regarding your certification, please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator.

Or contact Cynthia Rivera-Garcia, Safe Environment Program Manager for assistance at 414-769-3447 or riveragarciac@archmil.org.