



Inspiring Growth

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# I'd like to volunteer at BLS!

Know our requirements to assist in activities with children.



We are blessed to have an active and engaged community of parents, grandparents, and friends supporting our school through volunteering. BLS families allow us to provide many more experiences for our children than we would otherwise be able to if we did not have their assistance.

If you are interested in volunteering at Bishop Leibold School (and we pray that you are!), please take a few minutes to review our requirements. Maintaining a safe learning environment for our children is of paramount importance.

# Volunteer Requirements

For the past three decades, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has been operating in compliance with its Decree on Child Protection, which is intended to prevent the abuse of children, adolescents, and vulnerable adults. Prevention can best be achieved through (1) **education** about the realities of abuse, and (2) **screening** of adults who aspire to serve the youth of the Archdiocese and all Archdiocesan Organizations, including BLS.

## Education

Child protection training is made available through the SafeParish™ learning management platform which provides a broad array of training, education, information, and programs for Catholic organizations. It is a child and workplace safe environment program specifically designed for Catholic entities.

All adults (age 18 or over) must complete the SafeParish™ edition of *Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse* **training session** before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training due to its sensitive content.

In addition to completing the training, employees and volunteers must stay current in completing their interactive video-based SafeParish™ **quarterly bulletins** on Child Protection in order to remain in compliance with the requirements of the Decree. Non-compliance will result in SafeParish™ account non-approval, and non-compliant employees and volunteers will no longer be permitted to work with youth or vulnerable adults until compliance is reestablished.

## Screening

A thorough background check (\$25) is required for all those employed or volunteering to work with youth or vulnerable adults. Background information is submitted online through SELECTION.COM prior to beginning volunteer activities or employment. In case of financial hardship, the parish may provide a token to cover the cost for those who volunteer at the school on a regular basis

# Getting Started

Please visit the school website ([bishopleibold.org/child-protection](http://bishopleibold.org/child-protection)) for the steps to register for a SafeParish™ account and to complete the online background check. Note that processing may take 1-2 weeks or longer, so get started early. Thank you!

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