

Safe Environment Education Plan

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1. Since 2003, the Archdiocese of San Antonio began to institute a safe environment program in every Catholic school, parish and institution.
2. To do this, OVASE asked that every pastor, principal, and director assign a safe environment coordinator.
3. The safe environment coordinator receives 2 days/12 hrs of training from OVASE.
4. The 2 day training consist of:
 - a. Policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of San Antonio
 - b. History of the clergy abuse crisis
 - c. Developing an understanding of the victim
 - d. Developing an understanding of the offender
 - e. Appropriate boundaries
 - f. Abuse prevention curriculum
5. The safe environment coordinators are responsible for educating all those who work/volunteer with children.
6. There will be no exceptions! All those who work/volunteer with children must be trained.
7. The safe environment coordinator is also responsible for educating the parents within their school, parish, or organization.
8. Those who work directly with children will be the ones who educate the children on abuse prevention.
9. Children will receive the safe environment training once a year.
10. Adults must be trained at least once every three years.