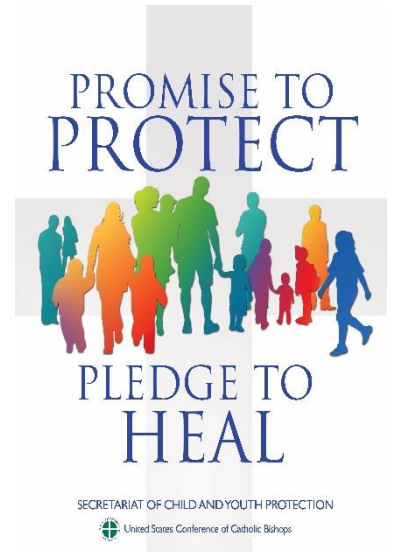


St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church
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St. Maximilian Kolbe Safeguard the Children Mission Statement

To create a safe environment for our parish children and vulnerable adults. To educate and heighten awareness of all those involved with children in our parish by communicating God's truth. To ensure that all persons put in positions of trust at our parish share our commitment to youth protection.

At St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church and Kolbe's Korner Preschool, we strive to keep our parish and preschool children safe and protected. We subscribe to and implement VIRTUS® programs as developed by the Archdiocese of LA, which provides our parish employees and volunteers with the training and tools necessary to provide education and awareness for prevention of sexual abuse.



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[Reporting Child Abuse](#)

[STOPIT: A simple, fast and powerful solution to report inappropriate behaviors.](#)

[VIRTUS Online Articles](#)



Each program year (July-June), adults interacting with minors at Parish/School Activities or Events are required to review and sign the [Archdiocesan Annual Guidelines](#). The Acknowledgement of Receipt portion is kept on file in the parish office with all VIRTUS training certification records.

Middle and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or Youth in any parish activity during the program year also sign a document called [Archdiocese of Los Angeles Boundary Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Middle and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or Youth](#).

[Archdiocese of Los Angeles Re-Certification Policy](#) outlines the three options for VIRTUS Re-certification.

Send any “Safe Environment” Program inquiries or questions to Program Chair, Jan T. Younger, Safeguard@stmaxchurch.org or Maryann Heredia, Faith Formation Secretary, mheredia@stmaxchurch.org.