

Joint Agreement
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
and
Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston have agreed upon the following protocols to assist in maintaining a safe environment on our Parish campuses.

1. Any member of the Knights of Columbus within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston who wishes to volunteer in a Parish must be on a list of eligible volunteers that have completed the Archdiocese's safe environment training (VIRTUS) and background checks. The list shall be developed and maintained by Council leadership. This means that all members of the Knights of Columbus who volunteer in any capacity on Parish property must be in compliance with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
2. Each Knight of Columbus Council shall submit to the Pastor, the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator and to the Archdiocesan Director the Office of Child and Youth Protection (email address), the list of all Knights who volunteer at a Parish, or at Parish or Knights sponsored events on Parish property. This list is subject to verification by the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection.
3. Knights of Columbus Council leadership will ensure that no Knights of Columbus members who are not on the approved list of volunteers will serve as volunteers at a Parish, or at Parish or Knights sponsored event on Parish property.
4. Knight of Columbus members who do not otherwise volunteer in any capacity on parish grounds may attend Council meetings, so long as the meeting is also attended by members that have completed the Archdiocesan safe environment training and background checks.

Executed this 24th day of January, 2018

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