



Called to Protect™

Praesidium is pleased to announce Called to Protect™, the most up-to-date, comprehensive safe environments program available today, exclusively for Catholic ministries, parents, youth, and young children. Featuring an introduction by Bishop Gregory Aymond, Chairman of the USCCB Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, this four-part multi-media series builds on the latest abuse prevention research and Praesidium's two decades of experience working with dioceses, religious, schools, YMCAs, camps, childcare, youth sports, and social service programs.

Designed to help dioceses fulfill the training requirements of the Charter, each of the four parts reaches a specific audience—parents, employees and volunteers, teens, and young children—and teaches them exactly what they need to know.

Program Overview

The complete Called to Protect™ series includes four parts, including the first-ever program specifically for Catholic middle- and high-school aged youths, and an innovative new program for elementary-aged children based on the latest child development research. Praesidium experts carefully developed the content and conducted extensive nationwide field testing to ensure that each part is informative, well-received, and effective.

Each part includes a professionally produced video that uses interviews with Catholic leaders, child development experts, child molesters, and young victims of abuse; guided group discussion led by a Praesidium-certified trainer; a comprehensive manual for trainers; and illustrated materials for participants.

Called to Protect™ includes dynamic on-site training for trainers. You select members from your diocese to participate in training sessions led by a Praesidium expert. During the sessions, participants discuss the content covered in each of the four parts of Called to Protect™ and how to apply it in church programs and in families. They learn extensive supplemental information about how to prevent child sexual abuse, the questions most frequently asked during Called to Protect™ workshops, and how to manage difficult situations they may encounter as trainers. Finally, they practice important teaching skills and demonstrate mastery during role-play exercises.

Called to Protect™ for Ministries

Those in church leadership carry a special duty to see that all church employees and volunteers are suitable to be in positions of trust with minors and that all church sponsored activities and programs ensure the safety of program participants. Called to Protect™ for Ministries teaches Praesidium's five-step model for keeping parishes safe.

Step One: Screening. What to look for on an application, how to get useful information from references, the importance of sex offender and criminal background checks, and questions to ask during interviews.

Step Two: Interacting. How to use policies to define acceptable verbal and physical interactions between adults and children and how to identify interactions that could indicate a child may be at risk or already being abused.



Step Three: Monitoring. Why child molesters need privacy and how to monitor high risk building locations, activities, and interactions between adults and children and between children.

Step Four: Training. What church leaders, parents, and youth need to know to contribute to creating and maintaining safe environments and how abuse affects children, their parents, and those who serve and care for them.

Step Five: Responding. Understand the difference between suspicious or inappropriate interactions and allegations of abuse, and how to respond in ways that respect the rights of everyone while complying with the law.

Called to Protect™ for Parents & Families

This part of Called to Protect™ is designed exclusively for parents. It recognizes that parents are the first and foremost protectors of their children and it gives them the skills and information they need to fulfill this important mission. Parents learn:



- How to recognize interactions between adults and children that may be inappropriate or put a child at risk for abuse.
- How to respond if they see something of concern.
- Signs to watch for that could indicate a child has been abused.
- Skills to begin teaching their own children how to protect themselves from abuse.

Most importantly, parents and families can use the skills and information they learn to keep their children safe in environments such as school, child care, and sports programs.

Called to Protect™ for Youth

Before the age of 18, one in four girls and one in eight boys will be sexually abused. And starting at about fifth grade, they can be especially vulnerable. That's when they start spending more time away from their parents, their curiosity about sexual development increases, and they start testing limits and taking risks.

Hosted by two engaging young adults, Katie and Szucceed, this three part series teaches kids in middle and high school:

- Their three types of boundaries—physical, emotional, and behavioral.
- How molesters try to violate their boundaries.
- Ways to make molesters stop violating their boundaries.
- Methods child molesters use to keep kids from telling.
- The words to tell their parents or another trusted adult if someone is abusing them or one of their friends.



Called to Protect™ for Young Children

We all understand the importance of teaching children rules, rules about everything from how to play nicely with one another to how to cross the street safely to how to show respect to their elders.



- Called to Protect™ for Young Children extends this common practice to teach young children rules about their bodies.
- Unlike many commercially available children's programs, Called to Protect™ for Young Children teaches only age-appropriate concepts, consistent with what child development experts say children can understand, learn, and use.
- The program includes a wide range of activities for children of different age groups and detailed instructions for educators and parents.

Armatus®

Armatus® offers Internet-based courses covering a wide range of topics from in-depth supplemental information for Called to Protect™ users, to bullying and hazing in school, how to investigate reports of suspicious behavior or allegations of abuse, and sexual harassment in the workplace.

Each 30-to-45 minute course uses extensive interactivity, video-clips, compelling graphics, and sound effects to fully engage participants and ends with a brief quiz.

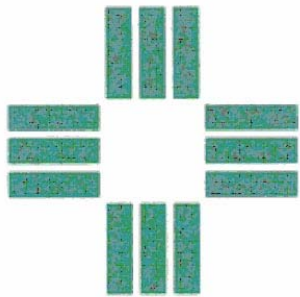
Armatus® also includes a user-friendly on-line database that permits dioceses to easily and instantly keep track of who has completed Called to Protect™ or Armatus® training, whether criminal background and sex offender checks have been completed, and whether references have been checked.

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