

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES RE-CERTIFICATION POLICY**  
**(Revised January 2025)**

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” Adult Awareness Session,
- Must recertify every four years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must retake Protecting God’s Children.

<u>“Protecting God’s Children” Training</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Recertification Year</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Recertification Year</u>
2024	2028	2032
2025	2029	2033
2026	2030	2034
2027	2031	2035

**Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. “Protecting God’s Children.”**

Any participants whose recertification date on their certificate **has expired must retake VIRTUS® Protecting God Children!**

**Option #2: VIRTUS® 1 ½ hr. “Keeping the Promise Alive” Recertification**

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 1 ½ hr. “Keeping the Promise Alive” recertification “This session reviews the “Five Steps” for protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse and helps participants explore ways that their parish/school/community has become a safer place because these steps have been implemented.

**Option #3: VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children (48) Monthly Bulletins**

Participants registered on VIRTUS® Online immediately following their VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” session and read at least 48 monthly “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” training bulletins qualify for an Option #3 Recertification. **If you qualify, please contact [avichot@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:avichot@la-archdiocese.org) with your name, address, parish, region, and phone number and write “Option #3 Recertification” in the subject line.**

**Option #4: Archdiocese of Los Angeles “Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect” Online Training**

The online training module is approximately two long. The content of the training will help you recognize signs of suspected child abuse or neglect and will teach you how and where to report it. This certificate is good for four years from the date of completion. Note: This course is good for only one year if you are a teacher and mandated reporter under section (b)(1) of AB-1207, Section 2 of the Penal Code, or is it the Education Code. **If you qualify, go to <https://moodle.la-archdiocese.org/login/index.php>.**

**Important Notice**

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God’s Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance. Only a “copy” of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.