

# Mission Statement

The St. Julie Billiart Parish Safeguard the Children Committee is a group of lay volunteers and clergy formed as part of a mandated Archdiocesan-wide effort to assist in preventing sexual abuse of children in parish settings and at parish sponsored events.

In this role, the Committee's goals are to:

- 1) **Monitor** Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures to ensure parish compliance with safeguard initiatives found in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People;
- 2) **Ensure** that all adults and those who work with children have attended the VIRTUS® Adult Child Sexual Prevention Programs and strive to achieve the goal that all children and young people have been educated in one of the Archdiocesan-approved safe environment programs;
- 3) **Evaluate** the parish buildings and grounds on an ongoing basis to ensure a safe environment for our children and young people; and,
- 4) **Review and recommend** parishwide safe environment policies and procedures that provide for the safety of our children and young people.