



### ***Information on how the Diocese is providing safe environments***

- More than 30,500 criminal background checks have been run on clergy, employees and volunteers since 2002.
- More than 1,200 VIRTUS sessions have taken place in the Diocese since we started using that safe environment education program for adults five years ago.
- More than 9,000 attendees have been trained (as of this date there have been 9,868 trained).
- More than 1,500 priests, deacons, seminarians, youth ministers, directors of religious education, school administrators and teachers read monthly VIRTUS® training bulletins.
- More than 11,000 children attended 'Circle of Grace', the safe environment education program for children, in our Catholic schools and parishes in the **2014-15 academic year**.
- More than 70 VIRTUS® Facilitators throughout the diocese are trained to teach the VIRTUS® 'Protecting God's Children for Adults Program'.
- The Diocese of Winona has been found compliant as a result of the annual audits for the Safe Environment Program that have been ongoing since 2003.