



Office of Lifelong Formation
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland ME

Important notes for trained leaders regarding Supervision for Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Our diocese mandates safe environment training for all parish staff & volunteers who have **direct and continuous, repeated, contact** with youth.

- For Children’s Liturgy of the Word, **one trained adult leads the liturgy, with the support of another trained & available adult in the building, who is aware of her/his support role** (catechist, parish catechetical leader, Eucharistic Minister, usher, other trained adult)
- Parents/Guardians who **regularly attend *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*, must seek PGC training**. Parents who come, on occasion, with their child(ren), they are not required to be trained. However, if they come regularly, they must seek training.
- One of the purposes of *Children’s Liturgy of the Word* is to allow parents/guardians to remain in church for the readings and homily, without distraction. Therefore, a parent who attends *Children’s Liturgy of the Word* with their child, with regularity, is missing out on this adult worship time and their regular contact with the children warrants training.

Regarding “Supervision of Programs that Involve Minors”, see pages 14 and 15 of this code.

[Code of Ethics – Diocese of Portland](#)

[Protecting God’s Children – Diocese of Portland](#)

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