

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

To: News Editors and Assignment Desks
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Date: **Wednesday, May 28, 2003**
Time: 5 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard (corner of Linwood), Detroit
(Enter from the front door on Chicago Boulevard)
RE: Press Briefing on:
***Protecting God's Children* Workshop (Child Safe Environment Program)**
Archdiocese of Detroit's Revised Policy on Sexual Abuse of Minors
Criminal Background Checks of Archdiocesan Employees/Volunteers

Over 325 priests from throughout the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit will gather with Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Wednesday, May 28, to participate in *Protecting God's Children*, a workshop that educates and trains adults— clergy, religious, staff, volunteers and other members of the archdiocese— about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, ways to prevent abuse, and the methods for properly reporting suspicions of abuse.

As part of the archdiocese's ongoing commitment to implement the U.S. bishops' "Dallas Charter," the priests will receive a copy of Archdiocese of Detroit's May 2003 revised *Policies and Procedures Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons and Other Church Personnel* and learn about the criminal background checks which will be instituted for archdiocesan employees and volunteers who come into contact with children and young adults.

Following the workshop, members of the media are invited to a Press Briefing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Priest attendees and representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the *Protecting God's Children* Workshop, the revised *Policies and Procedures Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests, Deacons and Other Church Personnel*, and the implementation of the criminal background checks.

[Sacred Heart Major Seminary](#) is located at 2701 Chicago Boulevard (at the corner of Linwood) in Detroit. NOTE: Please enter via the circular driveway off of Chicago Boulevard and enter the Seminary building from the front door near the sign. For more information, call 313-237-5943.

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