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Dallas Diocese Winter Mid Year Meeting

Jan 10, 2026

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(Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for us)

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Assemblies Directory
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ALLEGIANCE

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Winter Mid Year Meeting

Jan 10, 2026

AGENDA

- 7:30 – 8:30 Registration & Donuts
- 8:30 Opening Prayer (Father Joseph)
- 8:31 Pledge of Allegiance (Jim Hale)
- 8:32 Welcome and Opening Remarks (Mike Courtney, Diocesan Deputy)
- 8:35 Review of Texas State Mid-Year Materials (Joe Jacobo)
- **9:45 -10:00 Break**
- 10:00 DDC/Diocesan Programs (Ben Oani)
- 10:05 American Wheelchair Mission/Video (Ricardo Guzman H.)
- 10:15 Safe Environment Update (Bryan Finley)
- 10:25 Silver Rose and Pilgrim Icon program (Tony Stobb)
- 10:35 Pro Life & Bishop's Dinner (Tom Clark)
- 10:45 Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) (John Little)
- 10:55 License Plates & State Audit Committee (Dan Stoffel)
- 11:05 Committee 1000 (Mike Green)
- **11:15 -11:25 Break**
- 11:25 Fourth Degree Topics (Jim Hale)
- 11:35 Bob Stras Memorial Wrap-Up (Jake Fleischer)
- 11:45 Emergency Response Program (Harry Storey)
- 11:55 Clergy Appreciation Banquet (Ben Oani)
- 12:05 Wrap-up (Mike Courtney)
- 12:15 Closing Prayer (Father Joseph)
- 12:20 Lunch & Open Time to Visit Program Directors.

PRAYER

Father Joseph Mehan

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Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin McGillis, 3rd District Master





Dallas Diocesan Deputy



SK Mike Courtney

Texas State Council

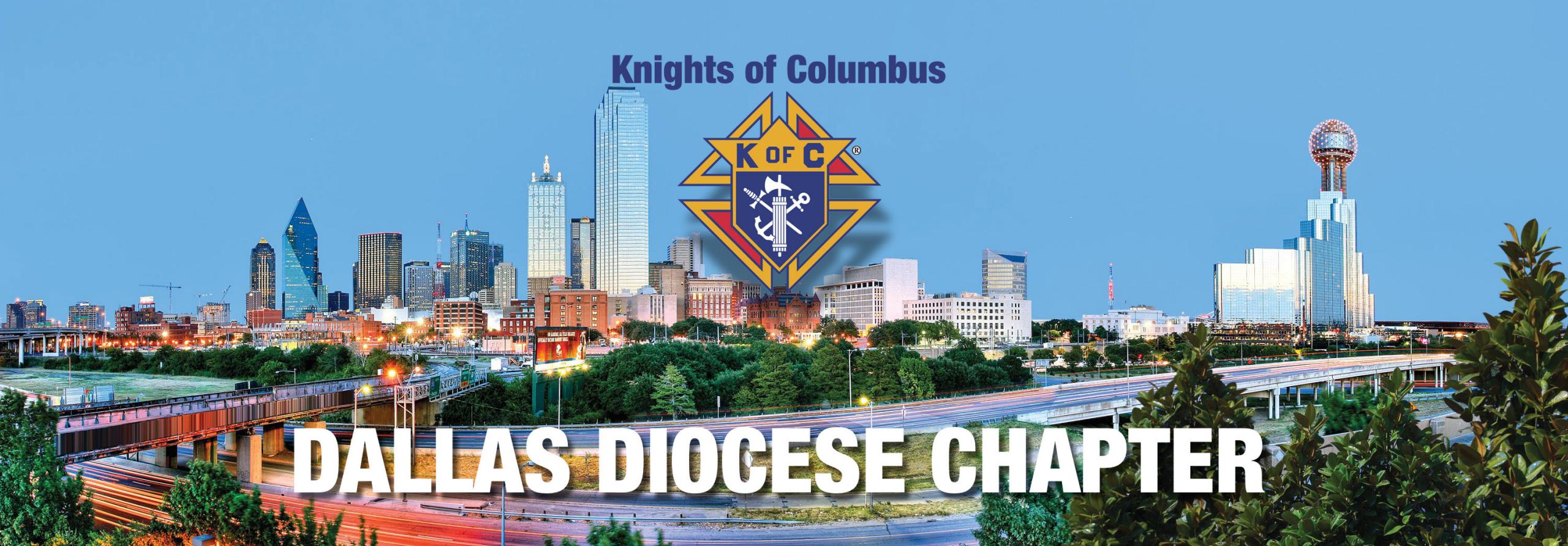


SK Joe Jacobo

Review of Texas State Mid-Year Materials



15 Minute BREAK



Knights of Columbus



DALLAS DIOCESE CHAPTER

SK Ben Oani, DDC President

DDC/Diocesan Programs

DDC Program Directors

SK Ben Oani, DDC President

4th Degree - SK Kevin McGillis

**Bob Stras Memorial Basketball Tournament
Coordinator - Jake Fleischer & Roy Rabenaldt**

Clergy Appreciation Banquet - Patrick Vlk

Committee of 1000 Chairman - SK Michael Greene

**Emergency Response Coordinator Dallas -
Eduardo Valenzuela**

**Emergency Response Coordinator Texas Northeast
Regional - Ron Kwiat**

**Evangelization & Faith Formation Director -
SK James Kauffman**

Membership - SK Reed Fontenot

Pro Life Chairman - Tom Clark

**Round Table/New Councils –
SK Edward J Stankunas**

RSVP Chairman - John Little

Silver Rose & Pilgrim Icon Director - Tony Stobb

Wheelchair Mission Director - Bill Weber

DDC SEP – Bryan Finley

License Plates – Dan Stoffel

American Wheelchair MISSION

Bill Weber
Texas Wheelchair Chairman

Ricardo Guzman-Hefferan

kofcdallas.org/programs/wheelchair-mission/



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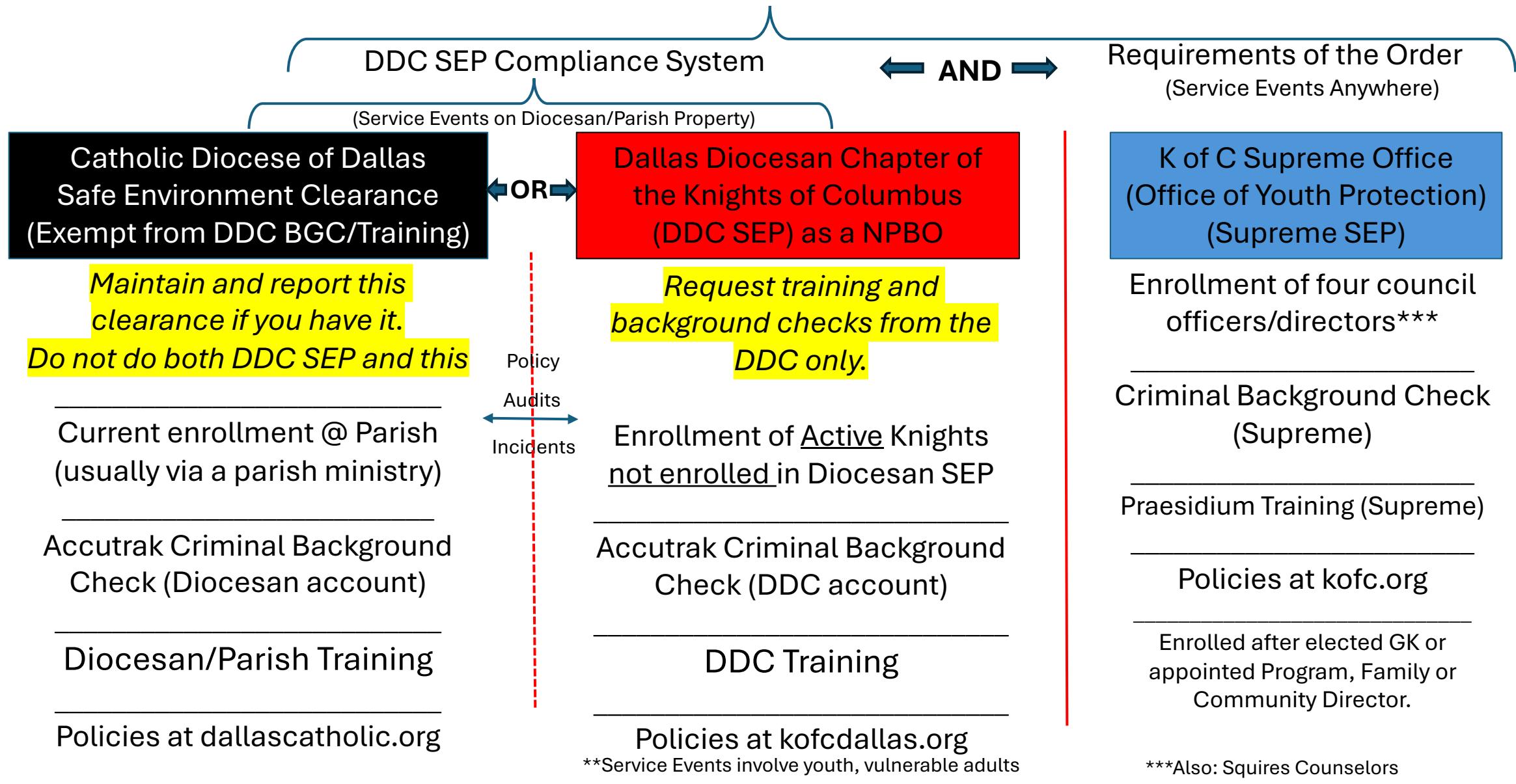


DDC Safe Environment Program (SEP)

Winter 2026 Meeting Update

Overall Safe Environment Program Requirements

All Active Knights / All Councils located in the Dallas Diocese



Safe Environment Program

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How to Log in to the new system the first time:

1. Go to [Virtus.org](https://virtusonline.org/virtus/)
2. Click on **I NEED LOGIN HELP**



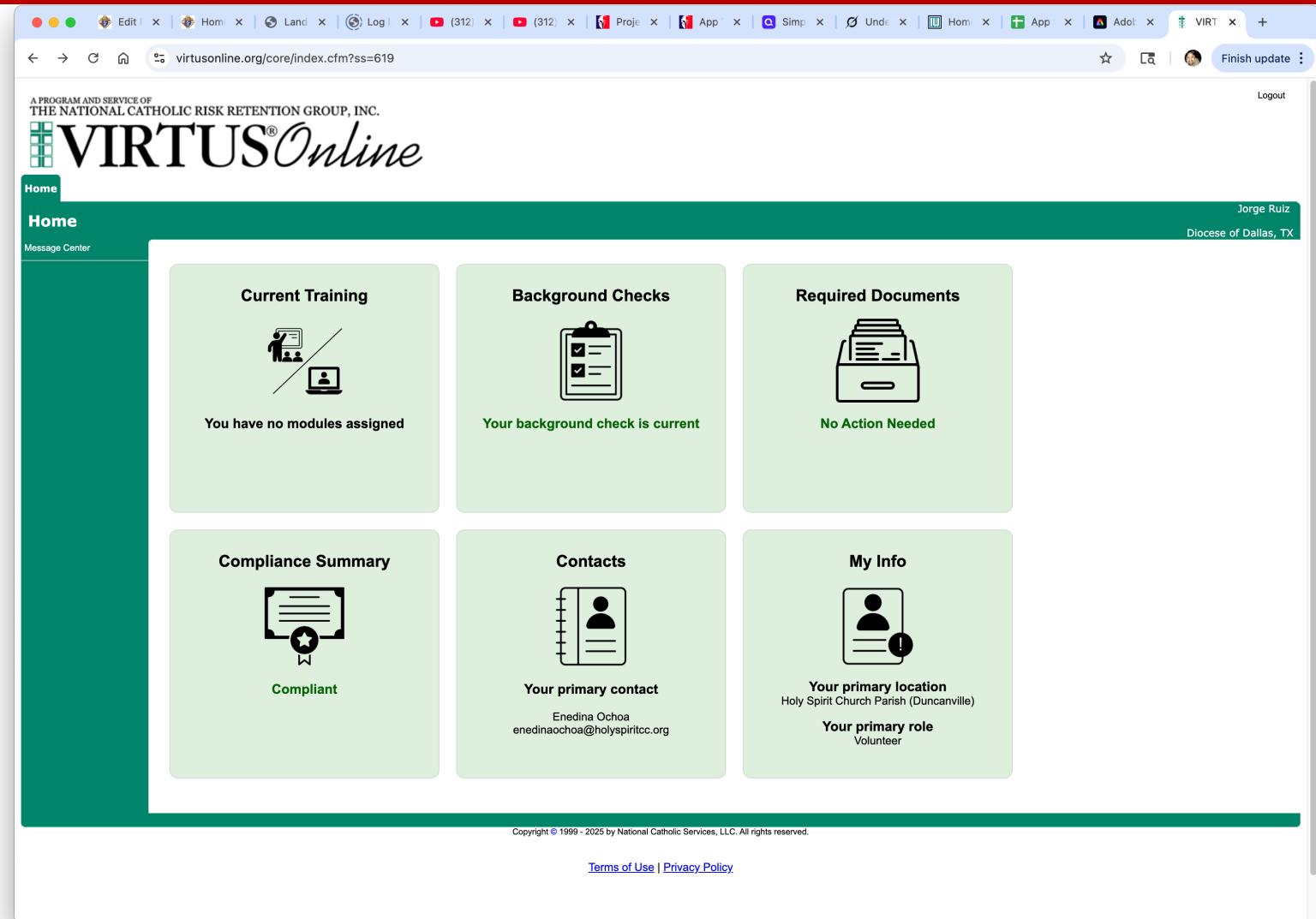
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the VirtusOnline login page. The URL in the address bar is virtusonline.org/virtus/. The page header features the VirtusOnline logo and navigation links for Home, About Us, What We Offer, What to Expect, Resources, Report Child Abuse, Contact Us, and Help / FAQs. A banner image of a diverse group of children is visible. On the left, there is a 'LOGIN FOR EXISTING ACCOUNTS' form with fields for User ID (jorge@colourprep.com) and Password, and a 'Sign In' button. Below this is a 'I NEED LOGIN HELP' button. To the right, there is a 'FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT' button and an 'ESPAÑOL: ACCESO O INSCRIPCIÓN' button. The main content area includes a 'VIRTUS Overview' video thumbnail, a section titled '5 Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity' with an image of children, and a sidebar poll about monitoring software. The footer contains the Virtus logo and the tagline 'Excellence Builds Trust'.

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Home page

- Once logged in you'll be at **Home**.
- Click on **Compliance Summary** to view your stored records.
- If **Required Documents** is a different color, click it to investigate.



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Compliance Summary

- Note your **Compliance Status**
- Note your **Expirations** for Training and BGC. Copy and send these dates to your council SEP Director.
- Click **Print my Certificates**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL virtusonline.org/core/UserSummary.cfm. The page is titled "Compliance Summary" and displays the following information:

Compliance Status: Compliant | Expirations: Training: 01/06/2026, BGC: 07/19/2026 | Updated: 10/09/25 3:27 AM (Central)

General Information

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Primary Location | Holy Spirit Church Parish(Duncanville) |
| Locations and Roles | Holy Spirit Church Parish (Duncanville) • Volunteer ✓ |
| Profile | User |

Most Recent Training

| Training | Date |
|--|------------|
| Standard Sexual Abuse Awareness Training | 01/06/2025 |

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KEY POINTS

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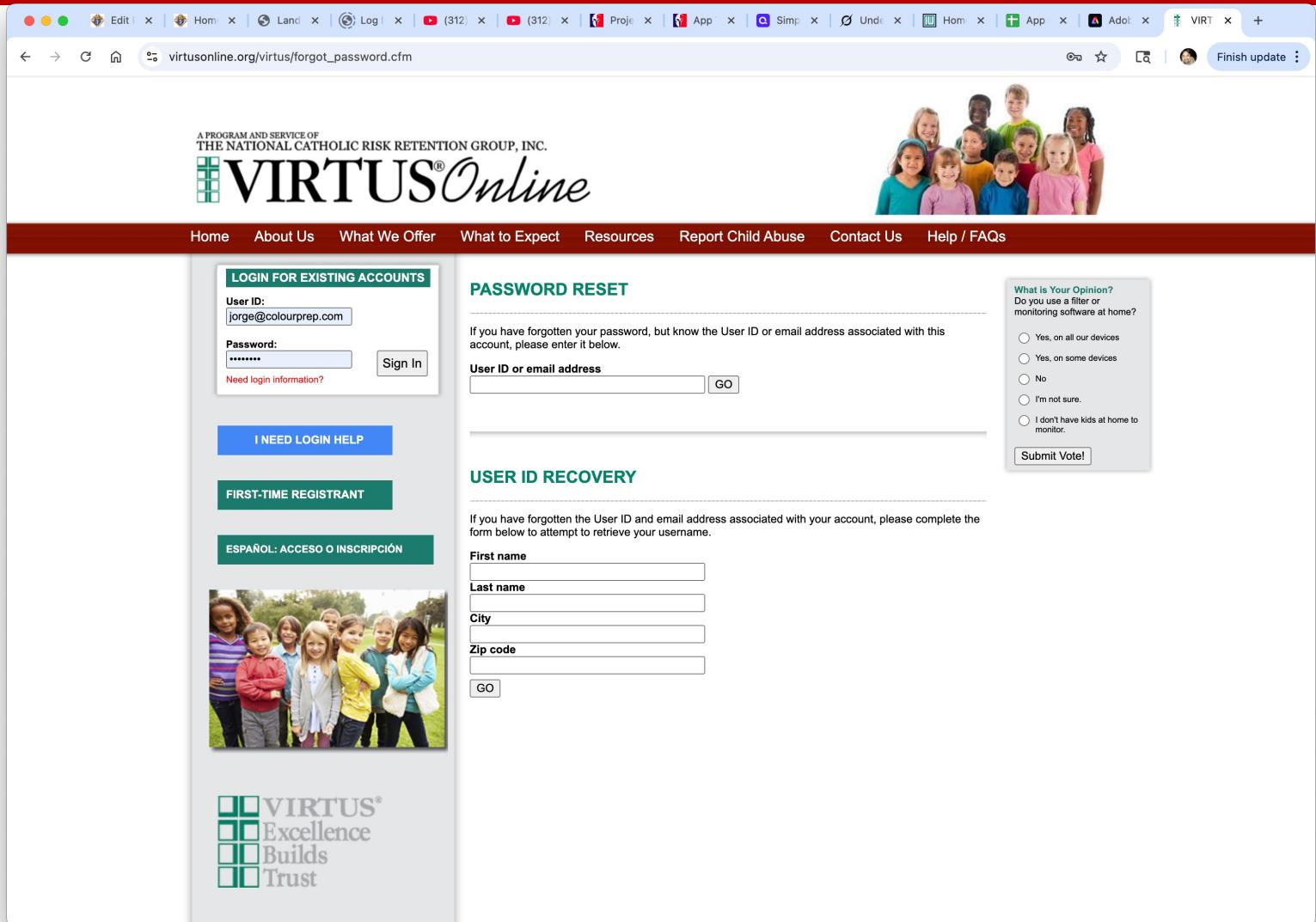
- All Councils:
 - Must ensure that each member (or non-member volunteer) that participates in Service Activities is enrolled in and cleared in the DDC SEP System. Please use and retain sign-in sheets.
 - No clearance? No participation. No exceptions. No grace period.
- Council SEP Director (or GK):
 - Maintain records in the DDC Compliance System of:
 - Active/Inactive (inactives are ineligible to serve)
 - Date of Most Recent Training (DDC or Parish, Virtus Record will be credited)
 - Date of Most Recent Background Checks (if from Virtus Record)(DDC does DDC)
- Knights – get compliant, report compliance, stay compliant
 - And put your Faith in Action!

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How to Log in:

3. Under **USER ID RECOVERY**, fill in your information and click **GO**
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to finish retrieving your archived ID records.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL virtusonline.org/virtus/forgot_password.cfm. The page is titled "VIRTUS® Online" and is a program of The National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc. It features a group photo of children in the top right corner.

The main content area includes:

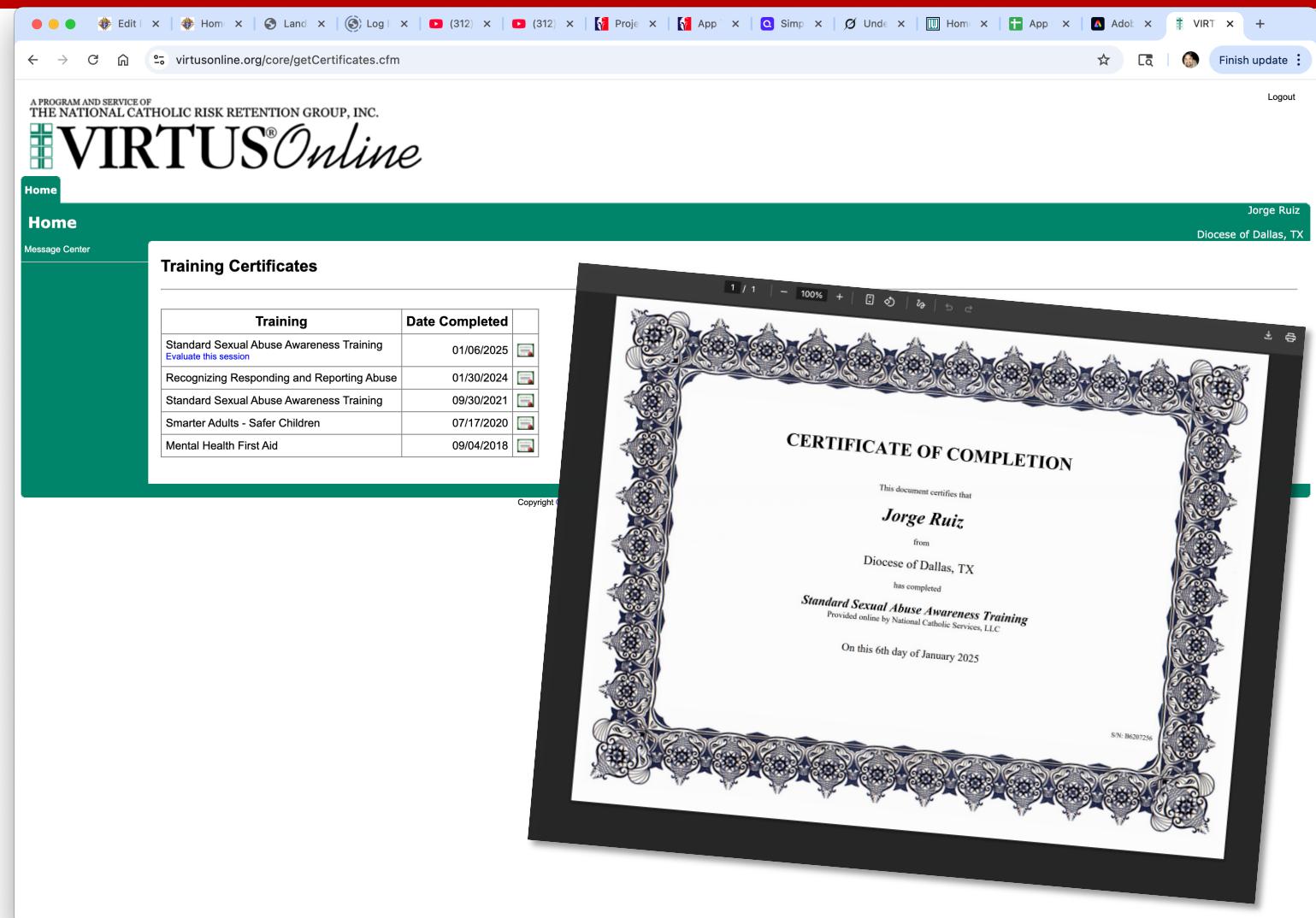
- LOGIN FOR EXISTING ACCOUNTS:** A form with fields for "User ID" (jorge@colourprep.com) and "Password" (redacted), and a "Sign In" button.
- PASSWORD RESET:** A section for users who have forgotten their password but know the User ID or email address, with a "User ID or email address" input field and a "GO" button.
- USER ID RECOVERY:** A section for users who have forgotten both their User ID and email address, with fields for "First name", "Last name", "City", and "Zip code", and a "GO" button.
- OPTIONAL SURVEY:** A sidebar titled "What Is Your Opinion? Do you use a filter or monitoring software at home?" with five radio button options and a "Submit Vote!" button.
- SPANISH VERSION:** A "ESPAÑOL: ACCESO O INSCRIPCIÓN" button and a photo of a diverse group of children.
- VIRTUS® LOGO:** The "VIRTUS® Excellence Builds Trust" logo at the bottom.

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Training Certificates

Click on your most recent certificate listed, download and save it. You can email this PDF to your council's SEP Director for proof of compliance.



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the VIRTUS Online training certificates page. The URL in the address bar is `virtusonline.org/core/getCertificates.cfm`. The page header includes the VIRTUS Online logo and navigation links for Home, Message Center, and Logout. The user is identified as Jorge Ruiz from the Diocese of Dallas, TX. The main content is a table titled "Training Certificates" showing completed training sessions:

| Training | Date Completed |
|---|----------------|
| Standard Sexual Abuse Awareness Training Evaluate this session | 01/06/2025 |
| Recognizing Responding and Reporting Abuse | 01/30/2024 |
| Standard Sexual Abuse Awareness Training | 09/30/2021 |
| Smarter Adults - Safer Children | 07/17/2020 |
| Mental Health First Aid | 09/04/2018 |

Below the table is a sample "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION" for Jorge Ruiz, dated January 6, 2025, for the Standard Sexual Abuse Awareness Training, provided by National Catholic Services, LLC. The certificate is framed with a decorative blue border.

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Training numbers 2025

Sessions offered: 15
Registered: 250
Attended: 188

| Date | Type | # Registered | # Attended |
|----------|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1/23/25 | Virtual | 24 | 23 |
| 2/27/25 | Virtual | 45 | 31 |
| 3/9/25 | Live (Spanish) | 22 | 21 |
| 3/27/25 | Virtual | 20 | 12 |
| 4/5/25 | Live (English) | 14 | 14 |
| 4/24/25 | Virtual | 10 | 5 |
| 5/22/25 | Virtual | 26 | 18 |
| 6/26/25 | Virtual | 20 | 15 |
| 7/24/25 | Virtual | 11 | 5 |
| 8/28/25 | Virtual | 16 | 15 |
| 9/25/25 | Virtual | 21 | 12 |
| 10/27/25 | Live (Spanish) | N/A | 9 |
| 10/29/25 | Virtual | 11 | 3 |
| 11/20/25 | Virtual | Canceled no enrollment | |
| 12/18/25 | Virtual | 10 | 5 |

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Upcoming Sessions

| Date/Time | Location |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1/29/26 7pm | Virtual (Zoom) |
| 2/26/26 7pm | Virtual (Zoom) |
| 3/26/26 7pm | Virtual (Zoom) |



LOGIN TO DDC SEP PORTAL

[+ How do I login to the new DDC SEP Compliance System?](#)



Introducing the New DDC SEP Compliance System

Our new DDC SEP compliance system is up and running. Approximately half the councils have submitted their membership rosters and many brother Knights have already participated in the program. If your council has not yet submitted a roster, please do so now.

HOW TO USE THE DDC SEP PORTAL

KofC Safe Environment Program

[Knights of Columbus > Safe Environment](#)

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program safeguards children and other vulnerable persons, assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment, protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings, and appearances of impropriety, builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes, and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection has stated that the first requirement of our safe environment program is for our members to be aware of and compliant with Diocesan safe environment requirements applicable to members volunteering in activities on parish property.

Events, Programs and Faith Formation

HOME ABOUT DIRECTORY EVENTS PROGRAMS **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** NEWS STORE

Emergency Response

Football Sweepstakes

Free Throw Championship

Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Pilgrim Icon

Pro Life

RSVP

Safe Environment

DDC SEP How to...

Silver Rose

Special Olympics

Texas State Convention

Wheelchair Mission

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

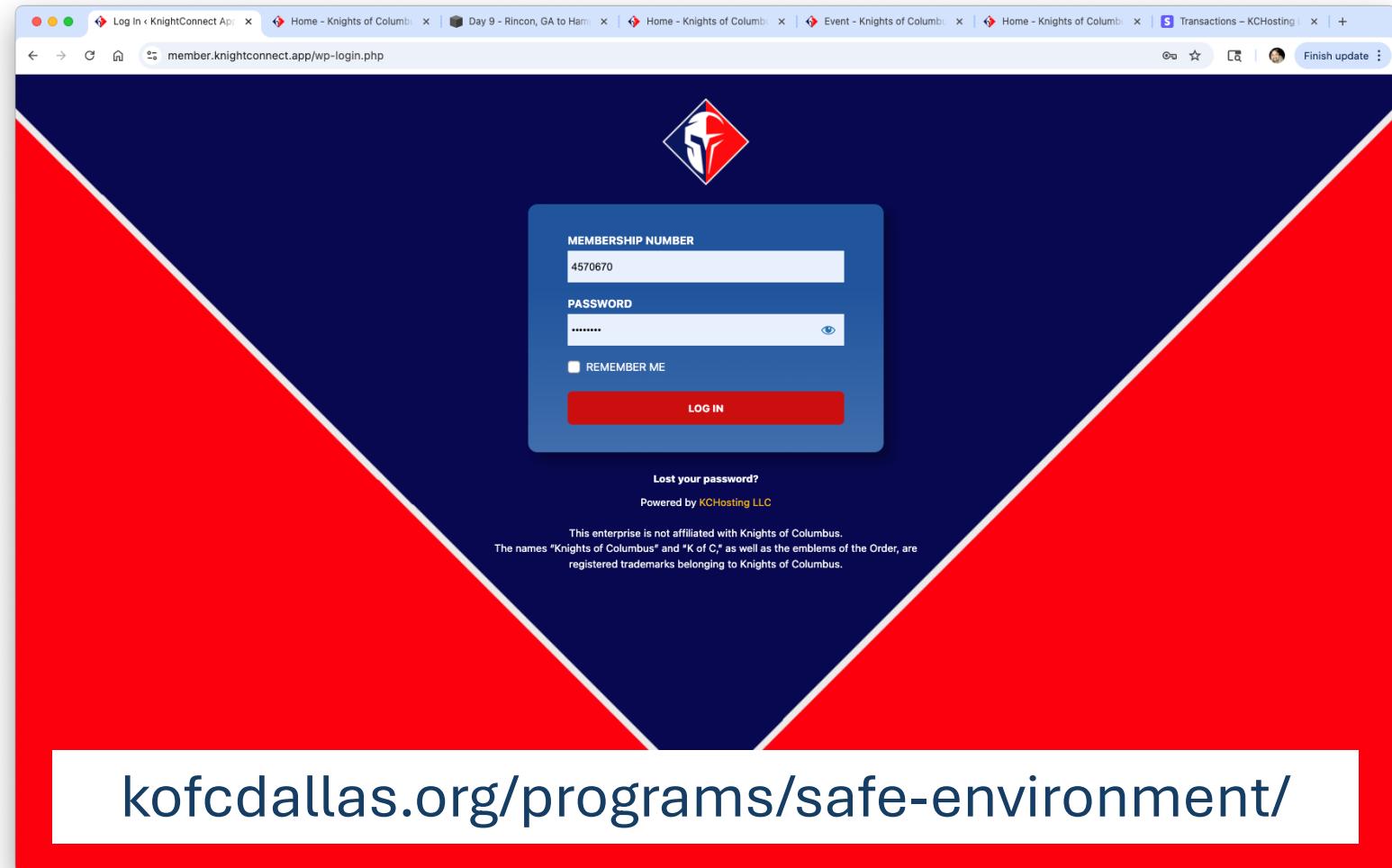
1. REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
2. NOTIFY LOCAL DIOCESE OF SUSPECTED ABUSE
3. NOTIFY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SUSPECTED ABUSE AT:
1-844-KOFC-SAFE (1-844-563-2723)

DDC SEP Login Page

SK Jorge Ruiz, DDC SEP Technology

How to Login:

- Membership Number
- **Initial Password:**
Year of birth (4 digits) and
membership number
(1984-1234567)



The DDC SEP Team

Diocesan Deputy Mike Courtney

Dallas Diocesan Chapter President Ben Oani

Bryan A. Finley, DDC SEP Director

Jorge Ruiz, SEP Compliance System

Chuck Johnson, Training /Communication

Rich Frasco Tim Lucius

Fr. Joseph Mehan

Dallas Diocese LIFE Programs



SK Tony Stobb

Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose



Faith In Action – Pro Life Program

- Demonstrates Unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, USA, and Mexico
- 3rd Degree Rose Travels through Canada, USA, Mexico to Our Lady of Guadeloupe Shrine
- Prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life, and honoring Our Lady
 - Rosary for the Protection of the Sanctity of Life
 - Liturgy of the Word
 - Act of Consecration to, and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Additional Resource Links:
 - [Silver Rose Pilgrimage](#)
 - [Faith In Action Programs](#)
- Next Trek Schedule: Spring 2026
- Alternate Opportunity: 4th Degree Silver Rose
Contact: Rob Daleo (714) 609-5726,
sk.robert.daleo@gmail.com

Dallas Diocese Contact: Tony Stobb, DD 115
stobbdad@yahoo.com
972-672-6830



Materials in Spanish and English Provided

Pilgrim Icon Program

Faith In Action - Faith Program

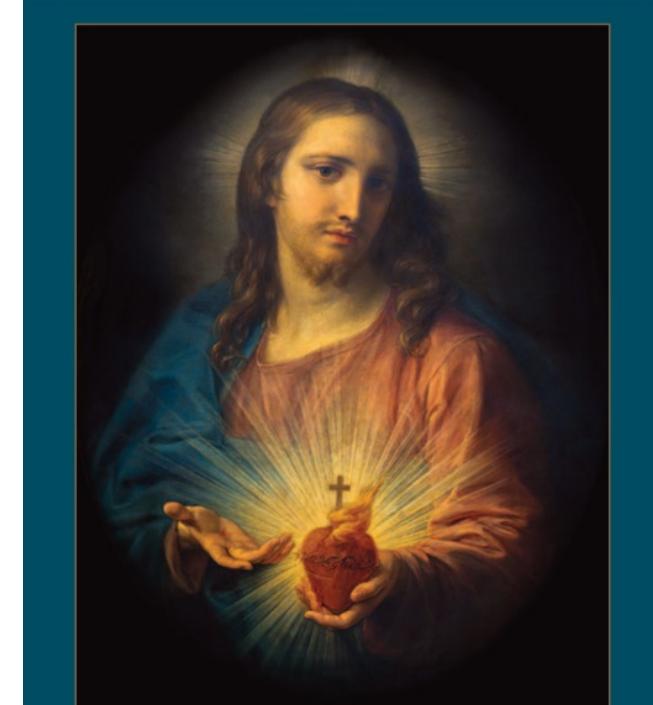
- Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make His heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what He sees and loves in us.
- 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services
- Prayer Service consists of:
 - Eucharistic Exposition (if Priest or Deacon available)
 - Liturgy of the Word
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart
 - Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart
 - Benediction
- Additional Resource Links:
 - [Pilgrim Icon Program](#)
 - [Faith In Action Programs](#)
- Schedule: Contact Tony Stobb

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**Sacred Heart
Holy Hour** 

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LIFE Programs



SK Tom Clark

Refund Support Vocations Program RSVP



SK John Little

SK Dan Stoffel
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RSVP

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM
Chairman of Audit Committee

LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

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Retired Priests**

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Dallas Diocese Committee of 1000



SK Mike Green

10 MINUTE BREAK

Fourth Degree



SK Jim Hale

Fourth Degree

Upcoming 4th Degree events:

- January 17th – Exemplification at prince of Peace in Plano, Texas
- January 17th – Pro-Life Mass at Basilica Shrine, 4th Degree Color Corps, Doug Tillet will be leading Corps
- February 28th – Exemplification at St Jude, Allen, Texas
- March 7th – 3rd Texas District Bi-ennial meeting at KC Hall 10110 Shoreview Road, home of 799
- April 18th – Exemplification at Sacred Heart Wichita Falls, Texas
- April 24-26th – State Convention Dallas Color Corps turnout for masses
- April 25th – Transitional Diaconate Ordination Dallas at St Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Assembly Officer Elections in May, Installations to follow in June and July

Bob Stras Memorial Basketball



Jake Fleischer

THANK
YOU
BROTHERS





Record Results For 2025!

| Elements | 2024 Results |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 48 Full Color Pages – Best of Any Area Tournament |
| School Stipends | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$6,000 For Each Host School To Cover Tournament Expenses |
| Tee Shirts, Luggage Tags and Trophies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Provided By The Knights |
| Post Game Food | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Out Of 6 Days (3 Per Campus) Provided and/or Served By Brother Knights |
| Commemorative Coach's Gifts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yeti Branded "Colster" |
| Color Corp | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color Corp Present At Both The Boys And Girls Championship Games |
| Tournament Results | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bishop Lynch Won the Girls Championship and Sachse HS Won the Championship on the Boys Side. |

Thanks To Our Sponsors & Partners

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- Councils and Assemblies – 18 Councils and Assemblies Advertised This Year.
- Individual Knight Sponsors – 65 Individual Sponsors (4 Full Page, 2 Half Pages, 2 Qtr. Pages, 47 Platinum and 10 Gold Sponsorships.
- Affiliated Organizations – K of C Insurance, Dallas Diocese Chapter, Third Texas District, The Dallas Degree Corps
- Commercial & Foundation Sponsors
- Volunteers – 23 Brother Knights from Six Councils
- Host Schools – Bishop Lynch High School & Jesuit Dallas
- Color Corp Members at Both Sites
- Special Creative Help – PGK Omar Mediano (5052) Designed and Produced The Program Cover Plus Seven Inside Pages!

Thanks To The 2025 Tournament Committee

- Jake Fleischer, 2025 Co-Chair (Council 6065)
- Roy Rabenaldt, 2025 Co-Chair (Council 5052)
- Mike Murray (Council 6065)
- Patrick Vlk (Council 799)
- Omar Mediano (Council 5052)
- Jeremy Lafoucade (Council 9903)
- Chris Bearden (Council 12153)
- Robert McLaughlin (Council 11169)

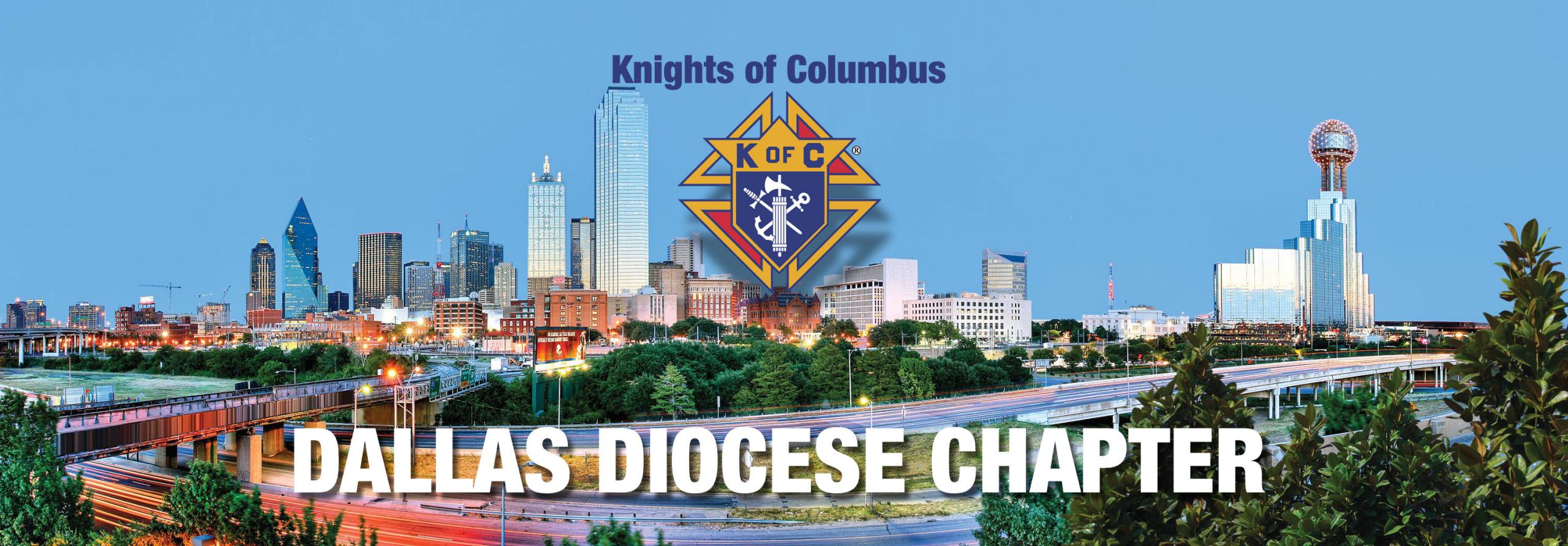


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Emergency Response Program



SK Harry Storey



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DALLAS DIOCESE CHAPTER

Clergy Appreciation Banquet

SK Ben Oani, DDC President

Reminders For The Upcoming Clergy Appreciation Banquet

February 13, 2026

- Event sold out in record time – Thank You!
- Table “Owners” – please get your list of attendees to Brother Jorge Ruiz ASAP (admin@kofcdallas.org).
- Emphasize inviting Clergy Members – particularly pastors and chaplains! This event is to honor them!
- Both the “Chaplain of the Year” and “Seminarians’ Best Friend” awards will be named at the event.
- Suit or at least sport jacket and tie are the appropriate attire for the evening please.





Closing Remarks

SK Mike Courtney
Dallas Diocesan Deputy



CLOSING PRAYER



LUNCH

&

Open Time to Visit with DDC Program Directors