

The National Eucharistic Congress has laid out the stipulations on their Safe Environment policies for the event in July.

ACTION REQUIRED: If you are chaperoning (see the qualifications below) anyone under the age of 18, who is not your child, to/at the Congress, please reach out to the Safe Environment office as soon as possible to acquire the proof of your certification status to present to the National Eucharistic Congress upon your arrival.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in a few short months!

As we prepare for the Congress, we want to be sure you are aware of the Safe Environment policies that are in place for the safety and security of minors at the event.

All participants must [click here](#) to indicate whether or not they will be accompanying minors to the event.

Please read below for important information about our Safe Environment policies and ensure that you and all members of your group are compliant with them.

Safety & Security of Minors

- Minors (anyone under the age of 18) must be accompanied at all times by either a parent/legal guardian or a Safe Environment cleared chaperone.
- Minors should not wander the Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium, or any other event spaces unaccompanied by an adult.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult at all sessions (including family and/or youth sessions). The minors and the accompanying adult(s) must be registered to attend sessions together.
- Minors may attend any session with an adult, not just sessions specifically noted for families or youth.

Safe Environment Requirements

- Parents and legal guardians attending with just their own child(ren) do not need to have safe environment clearance.
- **Any adult accompanying minors who are not their own children are considered chaperones and must meet the following requirements:**
 - All chaperones must be age 21 or older.
 - **All chaperones must be safe environment compliant within their (arch)diocese. This compliance must include current safe environment training and a fully cleared background check. Proof of this must be readily available to be shown on site upon request.**
 - Older siblings may serve as a chaperone for younger siblings only if they are age 21 or older and are safe environment compliant.
 - Parents may serve as a chaperone for children/youth unrelated to them only if they are age 21 or older and are safe environment compliant.
 - The required chaperone to youth ratio is 1 chaperone for up to every 8 youth.
 - Outside of families, adults with minors must always maintain groups of 3 or more (i.e. a minimum of 1 adult chaperone with 2 youth or 2 adult chaperones with 1 youth). An adult should never be alone with a **minor that is not their own child.**