

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Registered Sex Offenders Attending Mass /or Any Parish or School  
Function Policy

Once a registered Sex Offender has been identified: this policy must be put in place by the pastor/administrator.

### Policy for Registered Sex Offenders Attending Mass, or Any Parish or School Function

If offender is still on probation have a conversation with parole officer, so you are aware if offender is allowed to attend Mass, Parish or School functions.

Appoint a chaperone to meet the offender at his/her car and walk back to their car with them.

The chaperone (not relative) must:

1. Be aware of offender's criminal sexual behavior.
2. Genuinely believe the offender committed the offense.
3. Commit himself /herself to vigilance.
4. Be knowledgeable of rules of probation/parole applicable to this offender.
5. Have freedom and capacity to report lapses by the offender.
6. Pledge willingness to communicate with the pastor or relevant persons.
7. Attend early Sunday/weekday Mass when fewer children would attend.

"Notwithstanding the above policy, the pastor may use his discretion to deny access by sex offenders to the Church and its services."

**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS MAY NOT VOLUNTEER FOR ANY SERVICES AT THE PARISH OR THE SCHOOL.**

