



Church of Saint Mary

One Faith, One Family, One Spirit

Office of the Religious Education

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to establish safe environment programs at all grade levels, both in the Parish Religious Education Program and Parish Elementary School. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides a personal safety lesson for each level of the Parish Religious Education Program and mandates that this lesson is taught during one session of the instructional year. The Parish Religious Education personal safety lessons known as "Keeping God's Children Safe" are posted at:

www.archphila.org/catechetical/resources/resources.htm

www.churchofsaintmary.org

- click Religious Education -
- click PREP select Protecting God's Children/Keeping God's Children safe"

After reviewing these lessons, you have expressed your desire for your child (ren) **not to be** present during the teaching of the personal safety lesson scheduled for Monday, April 11th, Tuesday April 12th, or Sunday, April 10th. You therefore are required by the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to complete and return this form to the Director of Parish Religious Education. **Your signature on this form indicates your request to remove your child (ren) from this instruction.**

The "Keeping God Children Safe" lesson is intended to supplement the conversations that a parent/guardian is having with his/her child regarding personal safety. It is recommend that a parent/guardian review this lesson at home for children who are not present for the religious education program instructional session.

Sincerely,

Rev. Louis P. Bellopde
Pastor

Kathleen Wasniewski
Coordinator of Parish Religious Education

Your signature below indicates your request to remove your child(ren) from this instruction.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Child(ren) / levels (grade)

If you have indicated to remove your child(ren) from this instruction please return the signed form to the religious education office by March 30, 2016.