

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
Empowering God's Children
Safe Environment Program
St. Mary's Catholic Parish

Please inform us of your intention regarding the program for your child(ren) below:

Child 1: Student Name _____

Yes, my child/teen will participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth on Sunday, October 25 (grades K-8) and/or Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (grades 9-12)

No, my child/teen **will not** participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth. I will keep my child home on Sun., October 25 or on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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Child 2: Student Name _____

Yes, my child/teen will participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth on Sunday, October 25 (grades K-8) and/or Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (grades 9-12)

No, my child/teen **will not** participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth. I will keep my child home on Sun., October 25 or on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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Child 3: Student Name _____

Yes, my child/teen will participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth on Sunday, October 25 (grades K-8) and/or Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (grades 9-12)

No, my child/teen **will not** participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth. I will keep my child home on Sun., October 25 or on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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Child 4: Student Name _____

Yes, my child/teen will participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth on Sunday, October 25 (grades K-8) and/or Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (grades 9-12)

No, my child/teen **will not** participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children/youth. I will keep my child home on Sun., October 25 or on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

I understand that if I keep my children home on the day the *Empowering God's Children* class is offered, my children will not be able to volunteer in any capacity at St. Mary's until the class is offered again in the Fall of 2021.

Parent Name _____
Please Print

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the Religious Education Office in the Pastoral Center. Thank you!

St. Mary Formation

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805 North Weaver Street
GAINESVILLE, TEXAS 76240

June 18, 2020

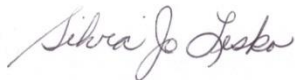
Dear Parents,

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life. Article 12 of the Charter directs all dioceses to create programs to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Diocese of Fort Worth this program is integrated into the Catholic school curriculum, religious education classes, and youth ministry sessions.

The religion teachers for grades K through 8 will present the self-protection sessions during FSR Family Gathering scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020; the lesson will be presented to grades 9-12 on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. All lessons are age appropriate for your child's grade level. If you have a teen who wishes to volunteer with children, for example, as a VBS volunteer, they must attend these sessions as well as the Teen Leader Training offered later.

If you are okay with your children attending the sessions, simply check the "Yes" for each child on the back section of this letter and return it to the parish office, to the attention of Silvia Lesko, along with your Registration forms (if you do not return the form we will assume it is okay for your child to attend). If you do not want your child(ren) to participate, check "No" on the form. We will then make sure they are not in the classroom for the self-protection session. We will also send materials home for you to go over with our child. We appreciate your cooperation and support of this vital program.

Sincerely in Christ,



Silvia Jo Lesko, M.T.S.
Director of Religious Education