



OFFICE FOR CHILD AND
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each fall and spring, as part of Archdiocese of Philadelphia's ongoing efforts to protect children, students across the Archdiocese receive child abuse prevention lessons in our schools and religious education programs. These lessons are age-appropriate and offer information to help children stay safe. This spring, school looks quite different, and we will not be able to offer our traditional lessons. Yet even under a stay-at-home order, child abuse prevention is as important as ever.

During this unexpected break from 'real life,' we hope you will find a few minutes at home to talk your children about their personal safety. To help you get the conversation started, you can find a number of helpful resources on the OCYP's website at <http://www.childyouthprotection.org/> which includes tips for establishing open honest parent-child communication, suggestions for conversation starters, and prevention messages by age. Each of these [resources](#) is available on our website in both English and Spanish.

You may also find our free online, [Parents as Partners in Prevention](#) training helpful. This training offers important information for parents and guardians regarding child abuse prevention and answers a number of frequently asked questions.

As always, the OCYP staff is here to assist. To contact us, please call (215)-587-2466 for safe environment related inquiries or (215)-587-3880 for victim service related inquiries or email us at ocyp@archphila.com or philavac@archphila.com. Staff is monitoring and responding to calls and emails during our normal business hours (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM).

In closing, I wish each of you peace and good health.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Davila, M.S.
Director

