



Empowering God's Children 2020-2021

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth is a sacred trust. We at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (ICC) are committed to preserve, always and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

The education and protection of your child is a sacred trust. **ICC's Elementary Formation** will present a personal safety and abuse prevention program, *Empowering God's Children*[®], to our students the week of **January 11-15**. You will receive the link for the online virtual class via Google Meet. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Fort Worth and is a part of our ongoing mandated effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from those who might harm them.

The material in the program is founded on the principles of appropriate relationship boundaries in the broader context of Christian values and virtues, and each lesson is developmentally appropriate for the specific age group. Each lesson includes content with simple and fun activities that reinforce the message.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students involved and participating in **ICC's Elementary Formation**, PreK-5th Grade.

When you enrolled your child(ren) for the current formation year **2020-2021** you filled out a form indicating your consent for your child(ren) to participate in this class. Some of you choose to opt-out. Our class was originally scheduled for August 23 (Sunday) or August 26 (Wednesday). Due to the changes in how our Formation program, we pushed our class to the week of January 11-15, 2021.

For more information on the *Empowering God's Children*[®] program, visit the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth website at <https://fwdioc.org/empowering-gods-children>, or contact the Diocese Office of Safe Environment at (817) 945-9334, or email sschrader@fwdioc.org

We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give your children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in parishes, in our homes and in our communities.

If you have any questions regarding the Children's program, please feel free to contact us.

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