

St. Anne Catholic Church
and the
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Present
Safeguarding All of God's Family

Summer 2019

Dear Parent,

Your child is loved by God and His Church! In a pastoral effort to respond to the need for the protection of children and youth, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee continues its ***Safeguarding All of God's Family*** program with curriculum for all children and youth ages 4 – 18. As a part of this program, all children in grades K through 11th enrolled in our faith formation programs will be given additional information on how to protect themselves and become more aware of their surroundings.

Here at St. Anne's, catechists will be using the lessons from the website that may be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/educators/Curriculum-English.htm> to help them lead discussions on this vital topic. Please pray for our catechists to bravely say what needs saying and, like Jesus, do what needs doing. ***As a reminder, anyone over the age of 18 who volunteers with minors must obtain Safeguarding All of God's Family certification prior to serving in a volunteer role.***

If your child is enrolled in a preschool - 8th grade class, s/he will be discussing this information **in class the first week of November** with catechists and peers. Youth in high school formation will receive their Safeguarding lesson during the April 19th, 2020 class. If you'd like to join them, you are welcome and encouraged to attend with your child during his/her regularly scheduled Faith Formation class that week. **If you prefer your child opt out of this lesson, please complete, sign, and return the reverse side of this letter to your child's catechist during his/her final class in October (10/16, 10/17, 10/19, or 10/20).** Thank you in advance for your understanding and commitment to protecting the innocence of the young ones entrusted to our care!

Yours in Christ,



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**Safeguarding All of God's Family
Opt-Out Form**

I, _____,
(please print your full name)

understand that a developmentally appropriate *Safeguarding All of God's Family* lesson will be facilitated in my child's Faith Formation class during the first week of November 2019/April 19th, 2020 (HS). I prefer that my child opt out of this programming, and therefore,

(please print your child's full name)
will not be in class. I will deliver this notice to my child's catechist prior to the first week of November 2019/April 19th, 2020 (HS).

Parent Signature:

Date:
