

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you about a special class we will be teaching as part of your child's regular religious education in the upcoming weeks. This class aims to teach children how to be safe, protect themselves and communicate any potential danger.

In the Church's desire to help you keep your children safe, the Archdiocese requires that all children and young people participating in religious education in any parish or Catholic school in the Archdiocese receive instruction in protecting themselves and communicating potential danger to a parent or other responsible adult.

The document titled, "*Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*", written by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, contains the following instructions: "*Dioceses will establish safe environment programs that will "provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children."* The Archdiocese of Denver, in order to comply with this instruction, has mandated that programs to educate children, be offered annually to children in grades 1, 5, 8 & 9 in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs.

This instruction will take place during the regular religious education class time during the week of November 15th and 18th. The materials that will be used for this instruction, *Formation in Christian Chastity*, will be available for you to see in the parish Religious Education office and at www.ArchDen.org, or En Español.

If, for any reason, you do not want your child/children to participate in this class, please sign this form below and return it to the office. We will honor your request.

If you have questions or any other concerns, please contact Kathleen Donohoe at (303) 665-5103 ext. 103 or email kathleen@lafayettecatholic.org.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Donohoe
Director of Religious Education
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My child _____ may NOT participate in the session(s) for learning about God's love for us, how to stay safe and protect himself/herself from potential abuse.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date