



SAINT ANDREW

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021

The education and protection of your child is a sacred trust. Saint Andrew Catholic School will present a personal safety and abuse prevention program, *Empowering God's Children*[®], to our students on **Tuesday, November 9th, 2021**. 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 at Saint Andrew Catholic School. Despite our strong belief in the value and necessity of this program, we recognize that as a parent/guardian, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact Lisa Harrington at 817-924-8917. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, the Diocese requires that you complete the "opt-out" form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Monday, November 8th, 2021**. Only those children for whom a current opt-out form has been received by this date will be exempted from attendance.

For more information on the *Empowering God's Children*[®] program, visit the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth website at <https://fwdioc.org/safe-environment>, or contact the Diocese Office of Safe Environment at (817) 945-9342.



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian,

Please inform us of your intention regarding the child and youth protection program for your children:

_____ Yes, my children will participate in the grade appropriate "Empowering God's Children" program offered in class on 11/9/21.

OR

_____ I will teach my children the concepts of child/youth self-protection with the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide provided by Saint Andrew Catholic School.

Please provide the date that you will teach your children. My children were/will be trained: _____

If I have questions or concerns, I will contact.

Lisa Harrington

817-924-8917

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Student(s) Name(s):

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Parent Name _____ (Please Print)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____