

January 8, 2018

Dear Parents of Grades K-5 Faith Formation students,

On Wednesday, January 17, and Sunday, January 21, we will conduct our annual Safe Environment Training as required by the Diocese of Bismarck during Faith Formation classes. This year the students will watch brief videos created by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, New York. You may view these videos online at the following links:

Grades K-2 (4 ½ minutes long):

http://www.rcda.org/Offices/prayer_and_worship/Safe_environment_video_K-2.html

Grades 3-5 (5 ¼ minutes long):

http://www.rcda.org/Offices/prayer_and_worship/Safe_environment_video_3-5.html

Both videos incorporate prayer and are presented in a friendly, child-focused way. The Grades K-2 video addresses how precious we and our bodies are to God and how he wants us to be happy. It reminds the children that, if they feel uncomfortable around someone, they should say “no”, get away and tell someone they trust.

The Grades 3-5 video helps students understand which people can be trusted to keep them safe. It reminds students to always check with their parents or trusted family members or authorities before talking with or helping others. It also addresses how predators may attempt to lure children through the internet. It reminds students to “be alert, be smart, and don’t be tricked”.

Parents are welcome to attend these presentations, which will be held at the following times:

Wednesday, Jan. 17:	4:00 p.m. classes	Gr. K-1 – In the Classroom 1 Atrium at 4:05 p.m.
	4:00 p.m. classes	Gr. 2 – In the dining room classroom at 4:20 p.m.
	4:00 p.m. classes	Gr. 3-5 – In the Nursery at 4:45 p.m.
	5:30 p.m. classes	Gr. K-1 – In the Classroom 1 Atrium at 5:35 p.m.
	5:30 p.m. classes	Gr. 2 – In the dining room classroom at 5:50 p.m.
	5:30 p.m. classes	Gr. 3-5 – In the Nursery at 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 21:	9:20 a.m. classes	Gr. K-1 – In the Classroom 1 Atrium at 9:25 a.m.
	9:20 a.m. classes	Gr. 2 – In Classroom 2 at 9:40 a.m.
	9:20 a.m. classes	Gr. 3-5 – In Classroom 4 at 10:05 a.m.

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Parents have the option to “opt out” if they do not want their children to view these Safe Environment videos; therefore, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us, or contact us, only if you want to Opt Out of this program for your child. If your child will participate, there is no need to return the form or to contact us. If you Opt Out, your child may practice prayers at the Prayer Station during the presentation.

If you have any questions or want to opt out verbally or via email or text, please contact me at 839-6834 (office) , or email education1@olgminot.org, or text 701-219-3194. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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