

Dear Parent,

August 2014

Each year, Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Diocese of Allentown teach the Child Protection Catechesis Curriculum mandated by the *Charter for the Protection for Children and Young People* passed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The material in this curriculum has been prepared in light of our faith and in accordance with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of the program is to help children improve self-reliance, raise self-esteem and master personal safety skills – all while reassuring them that most people are kind, safe and committed to their well-being. Students learn to identify specific signs and behaviors often used by predators.

You as a parent are the primary educator of your child. If you have concerns as to whether this material is appropriate for your child, we invite you to come to school/church to view the materials. You may also attend any of the sessions simply by making arrangements with the Principal of the school or the DRE/CRE of the parish program.

The Child Protection Catechesis will be taught during the first two marking periods of the year.

We ask that you continue to place your trust in us as we begin this program working with you and your child in partnership.

Any parent who does NOT want their child(ren) in the class while the Child Protection Catechesis is being taught is asked to complete, sign and cut along the lines and return the bottom of this form to the school. We will still send you the materials you will need to cover this lesson at home.

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We do NOT want our child(ren) to participate in the Child Protection Catechesis Program.

Name of Family: _____

Name of Children & Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____