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“ **Preview the Protecting God's Children Program** “

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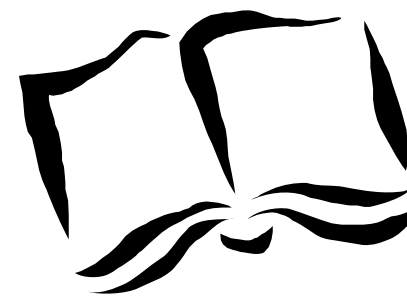
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P r o t e c t i o n o f  
C h i l d r e n a n d  
Y o u n g P e o p l e**

*Student Education  
Program*



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**Maintaining a Safe Environment  
for All God's Children**



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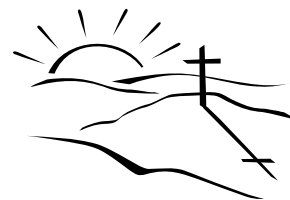
*“To Protect the  
Faithful in the Future”*

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Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to establish “safe environment” programs. Our Archdiocese is called upon to cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children.

THE PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, CCD/PREP PROGRAMS, SCHOOLS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE ONGOING EDUCATION TO THE STUDENTS UNDER THEIR CARE AROUND THE ISSUES OF RESPECT FOR ONE’S SELF AND BODY AS WELL AS ASSISTING OUR CHILDREN IN REALIZING WHAT CONSTITUTES THE MANY ASPECTS OF A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE GIVEN INSIGHTS INTO THESE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO EDUCATE THE WHOLE CHILD.



Important Phone Number for  
Parents/Guardians

Suspect Child Abuse call:

Child Line 1-800-932-0313



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because  
He has anointed me to bring glad  
tidings to  
the poor. He has sent me to proclaim  
liberty to captives and recovery of sight  
to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the  
Lord.”

Luke 4:18