



Empowering God's Children® Safe Environment Program
Parent Information
Parent Permission or Opt-Out Form

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children, the St. Aloysius Religious Education Program is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child in class. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children & youth about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

Empowering God's Children Program Information:

A program for children, each lesson includes a grade-appropriate video component along with learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. Each child will participate within one of the following lessons.

Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*

Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*

Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*

Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*

As we partner together in delivering this content to youth, we can provide you with a *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide* to assist you in reviewing the material and facilitate an ongoing safety dialogue with your child. Following the lesson, we encourage you to continue reinforcing the message at home whenever possible.

_____ **CHECK TO RECEIVE a copy of *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*.** Please include your email so that I can send you a digital copy _____

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE

I give my permission for my child/children (list name/s of child/children)

_____ to participate in the *Empowering God's Children*

Parent Signature* _____ Date _____

Please note: You also have the ability to “opt” the youth out of the formal in-class presentation. If you do not want your child to receive the safe environment information via their youth program please fill out the Opt-Out form below..

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON,

I have reviewed the safety lessons and DO NOT give my permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children Safety Lesson* to my child (*printed name of child/children*)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your partnership with us to protect children and youth.