



Saint Joseph Parish Religious Education Program
3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA 19475-1523

January 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to establish safe environment programs at all grade levels, both in the Parish Religious Education Program and Parish Elementary School. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides a personal safety lesson for each level of the Parish Religious Education Program and mandates that this lesson is taught during one session of the instructional year. The Parish Religious Education personal safety lessons known as "KidTalk Safe" are posted at https://phillyocf.org/safe-environment/ 2025 lessons will be presented as follows:

- January 26 9:00 AM - PREP Level 1, and CGS Level I
10:00 AM - PREP Levels 2 & 3, and CGS Level II
7:00 PM - PREP Level 7
February 9 9:00 AM - PREP Levels 4 & 5, and CGS Level III
10:00 AM - PREP Level 6

After reviewing these lessons, you have expressed your desire for your child (ren) not to be present during the teaching of the personal safety lesson scheduled above. You therefore are required by the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to complete and return this form to the Coordinator of Parish Religious Education. Your signature on this form indicates your request to remove your child (ren) from this instruction.

The "KidTalk" lesson is intended to supplement the conversations that a parent/guardian is having with his/her child regarding personal safety. It is recommended that a parent/guardian review this lesson at home for children who are not present for the religious education program instructional session.

As we work together to provide the safest of environments for our children, let us pray that God will heal the hearts of all abused victims. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Rev. Charles O'Hara
Pastor

Andrea Jackowski
Coordinator of Religious Education

Signature Date Parent/Guardian

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Name of Child (ren)/ Level (s)