VIRTUS® Excellence Builds Trust

Empowering God's Children® Safe Environment Program

Parent led session

Parent Information & Acknowledgement Form

Dear Parents and Guardians, 10/21/26

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children, Sacred Heart Parish and Academy is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child. 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. What follows is information about the program itself and the resources available to you. **PLEASE NOTE: There are required action items on page 2 with content you may need to return.**

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.

As we partner together in delivering this content to youth, there are two especially helpful resources to assist in delivering the lessons. These resources are provided to our Lesson Leaders (which include you as parents, along with the persons delivering the content per the organization). First, the *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*, which equips safe adults to facilitate an ongoing safety dialogue, and the *Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module,* give you better insight about conducting the lessons. Please communicate directly with your local or diocesan coordinator to gain access to each of these specific resources. Following the lesson, we encourage you to continue reinforcing the message at home whenever possible.

I. **TRAINING FORMAT:** Due to continued closures of parish and school programs and limited resources, **we will be providing the lesson plan to you as the parent/guardian to present the information directly to your own child/youth**. Your local coordinator will share the above lesson with you and any additional instructions on sharing this information with the child/youth in your care.

II. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** *For questions, or to obtain access to the resources, the specific lesson and related activities, please contact:* Parish - Noelle Divozzo / ndivozzo@shgr.org / 616.459.8362
Academy - Sara Klooster / sklooster@shgr.org / 616.459.0948

VIRTUS® Excellence Builds Trust

Empowering God's Children® Safe Environment Program

Parent led session

Parent Information & Acknowledgement Form

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Complete this portion AFTER you have provided the Empowering God's Children Program Lesson 1 to your child/youth

I, (*name of parent/guardian*) _____, certify that I have

presented my child/youth (*name*) _____ in grade _____, the

Empowering God's Children Lesson 1: Physical Boundaries: *Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules* on (*date*)_____

Parent Signature* _____ Date _____

***If you are unable to print, sign and scan, typing in your full name above will be considered your signature.**

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY: DECEMBER 15, 2026 TO:

Parish - Noelle Divozzo / ndivozzo@shgr.org / 616.459.8362
Academy - Sara Klooster / sklooster@shgr.org / 616.459.0948

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