

**Saint Anne Religious Education**

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2019-2020 RE Year

Dear Parents,

In the Diocese of Joliet, one of the initiatives for protecting children requires that we deliver Safe Environment instruction for those students who do not receive similar training in the local public schools and for those students who wish a review. The following Districts provide this instruction:

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| Aurora West District 129 – grades K-8   | Aurora East District 131 – grades K-8     |
| Chesterbrook Academy – grades K-8       | Indian Prairie District 204 – grades K-12 |
| Kaneland District 302 – grades K-5 only | Minooka District 201 – grades K-8         |
| Oswego District 308 – grades K-8        | Plainfield District 202 – grades K-8      |
| Plano District 88 – grades K-8          | Yorkville District 115 – grades K-8       |

We are offering an opportunity for the Safe Environment (safe touch) instruction here at St. Anne Parish on **Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Noon in the parish center, for those families whose children do not receive these lessons at school and for any other interested families.**

The Safe Environment program is a way for children to learn to recognize and respond appropriately and assertively to improper (sexual) touch, and to understand that they can say no and to tell a trusted adult. The instruction helps children learn about these unpleasant realities in a positive way, without being exposed to specific sexual language, depictions of graphic situations, or anatomically correct language regarding private body parts.

The students that attend on January 26 will be instructed using *Talking About Touching* photo cards. The parents that attend will view the video *What Do I Say Now?*, which gives great tips on how to listen and talk to your child about topics relating to touching safety.

All are welcome to join us for the session on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Noon.

**If your child does NOT receive instruction in their public school and you do NOT wish for your child(ren) to participate in this instruction, you must sign the release below, detach it, and return it to the Religious Education Office by the end of January.**

God Bless,  
Cathy Gillooly, DRE K-5  
Julie Krakora, DRE 6-8

(Fill out and return the slip below **only** if your child(ren) do not receive the instruction at school **AND** you do not want them to participate in the instruction offered on January 26.)

I ask that my child/children \_\_\_\_\_

be excused from attending instruction using the safe environment curriculum. I have decided to take on the responsibility of instructing my child/children at home about preventing sexual abuse.

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Signature of parent/guardian

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Date