

Dear Parent(s),

February 22nd, 2007

In response to a United States Catholic Bishops' mandate, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is implementing the Protection of Children and Youth Initiative safe environment-training program.

Archbishop Flynn has granted OLG permission to use the "Formation in Christian Chastity" program developed by the diocese of Harrisburg, PA and supplemented by the diocese of Arlington, VA. This program has been approved by the OLG Education Committee.

"Formation in Christian Chastity" has received full approval and praise from the USCCB auditing commission. The program is fully in-line with Catholic teachings about human dignity, safety and chastity. It teaches safety in a positive, non-threatening way. Many, many of the lessons that are taught in the FCC program are already a part of our current religion curriculum. These lessons will be taught on April 9, 10 and 12.

Topics to be discussed are:

- Truth and chastity
- Respect for life
- Prudence
- Conscience
- Bullying
- Safe environment

Your child will be viewing two videos during this time. The first video, *For Pete's Sake* deals with appropriate touch. After viewing the video, we are pleased with the way it addresses responding to an uncomfortable situation, as well as stressing the fact that the child is not at fault in such situations. In the video, Petey the mouse was enticed by Mr. Tittlemouse to spend time alone with him at his house. Petey begins to feel uncomfortable when he sees pictures of other young mice hanging on the wall. When Mr. Tittlemouse wants to play a "touching game" with him, Petey gets the courage to run home and tell his mom what happened.

The second video deals with bullying. *I Was Just Kidding* identifies forms of harassment, as well as provides tips for preventing bullying, along with what to do if it happens to you. We were extremely pleased with the realistic situations this video portrayed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Trenary or your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trenary
Mrs. Bland

Ms. Bullard
Mr. Kelley