



***St. Mildred Catholic Church
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Dear Parents,

The safety of your children is always uppermost in our minds. That is why we have taken many steps in recent years to ensure that these children and young people are in a safe place when participating in parish programs. All of our staff and volunteers have received the required background checks and training in protecting our children. We are now implementing a program mandated by Bishop John Stowe along with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to help even further with these efforts. Lesson plans have been developed for our various grade levels and will offer specific instruction in safety. We are also providing you with information about how you can expand on these lessons in the home. Please be assured that much study and thought have gone into the preparation of these materials so as to be age appropriate and pertinent.

Please review the topics with your child at home: Personal safety, safety on apps and the internet, and for our older students, following a moral compass.

The basic point is that parents need to be involved with their children. The more you know about the daily events of your children's lives, the better you are able to identify any potential safety issues that may surface. The more regular your communication with your children, the more at ease they will be at bringing concerns to you. Together we can ensure that our children will be safe and happy.

This year, we will continue to use the Circle of Grace. Karen Rowe will present this content to the children in **Grades K-5** in the OBC on **November 9th at 11:35 am**. **The middle school Grade 6-8 will be on November 16th**. **Confirmation class will be on November 16th**. We are asking the parents to remain with them for this session. **Any one that does not attend, we will send the lessons home for you to do with your children. This must be completed prior to December 15th.**

Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact one of us at the number above. May our Lord bless you and your family!

Respectfully,

Father Carlos
Pastor

Karen Rowe
DRE