



February 10, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, Saint Rose of Lima's Family Faith Formation is partnering with you to present safe environment lessons to your youth. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

Like last year, your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which you will review with your child(ren) at home a safety lesson that includes a grade-appropriate video component along with a hands-on activity. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their 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. Youth will participate in the following lessons:

**Lesson 1: Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules**  
**Lesson 2: Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults**

**Parent/Guardian will present these lessons to their child(ren)** in their own homes. The lesson plans, including a video and activity, will be provided via email and can also be found on our web-site. Additional information and resources on how to present this material to your children is also available on request.

**Once the lessons are completed at home, we ask that you complete and return the acknowledgement form on the next page that can also be found on our web-site by its due date as we are responsible to report back to the archdiocese that our children have been educated.**

**There is NO "OPT OUT" option this year** so parents are required to present these lessons to their children.

Any questions, please either email or call Rosemarie Sabatella at 973-379-3912 or [rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org](mailto:rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org).

Thank you again for your help and support of this important program.

*Sr. Sandy DeMasi, SSJ.*

*Director of Liturgical Ministries & Faith Formation*

**CC: Very Rev. Larry Evans, II, V.F., Pastor**

**IMPORTANT: We must have a response from every family enrolled in our Faith Formation Program in order to remain in compliance with the Archdiocese of Newark's directives.**





## PARENT / GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I, (name of parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am the parent/guardian and agree to present the information for the *Empowering God's Children Program Lessons 1 and 2 to my child(ren)*.

### Lesson 1: Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules

### Lesson 2: Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults

#### List all children's names and grades.

Return the **Parent Acknowledgment Form** after you have presented **both lessons** to your child(ren) to Rosemarie Sabatella. The videos and links to the online lessons have been emailed to you or they can be found on our web-site.

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please note: there is no "Opt-out" option this year. Parents are required by the Archdiocese of Newark to provide these lessons to their children at home. We appreciate your cooperation and participation!**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please print, sign and SCAN THIS PAGE TO:** Rosemarie Sabatella, Local Safe Environment Coordinator by email: [rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org](mailto:rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org) or drop off at the Parish Office Devine Center **by March 15, 2025.**

