



# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

## Parent Information Letter for Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade On Safe Environment

Dear Parents and Guardians

As Catholics, we believe that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. Each of us is sacred and our lives- body, mind and soul- should be treated with respect. The safety of your child(ren) is the utmost priority for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Therefore, ALL children enrolled in a Catholic School, Religious Education Program and Volunteering will learn about living in a good and healthy way.

As part of their religious education, children will focus on identifying appropriate physical, emotional and spiritual boundaries. All children are reminded that they are a gift, loved and valued by God and the Church. The curriculum that will be used for Pre-K- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will focus on "Living the Gift in a Good and healthy Way". This will focus on upholding human dignity and learning healthy boundaries.

Together, we can work towards the elimination of child abuse and neglect.

*Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of my body and spirit. Help me to use my body to be kind to others. Keep me safe as I grow and help me to protect the gift of my body. Help me learn how to make a gift of myself through your love. Amen*

If you have any questions, contact the School or Parish Religious Education Director:

Name of Parish or School Director: Shirley Smalley

Name of Parish or School SET Coordinator: Mary Hepsen

Location Phone Number: 480.905.0939

Sincerely,

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