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Dear Parents,

Praised be Jesus Christ, forever.

Our parish is blessed to have a large and active Religious Education Program (CCD). It is wonderful to know so many elementary and middle school students are learning about our faith in Jesus and His Good News. I am thankful to you and all the parents who make the effort to get their children to classes and Church.

Mrs. Frame – our Religious Education Director – asked me to write to you about this lesson our diocese provides about Empowering God's Children. Every diocese in our country incorporates this lesson as part of our ongoing efforts to keep children safe. It is designed to teach children to know that they have boundaries and have a right to expect people to respect those boundaries.

Our Catholic Church teaches that you – as parents – are the primary teachers of your children. Indeed, my parents taught me about these things a long time ago when the world was a different place – using language and situations that made sense then. You know, far better than I, about your children's world. For this reason, I urge you to watch these videos yourself before deciding how best to share them with your children.

If you choose to opt out of this home lesson, please follow the directions for doing so. You may also bring her any questions you may have. Of course, you are also always welcome to call me.

Please also keep me in your prayers – at least one Hail Mary a day if you can. Know that you and your family are in my prayers each day.

God bless you.

Fr. John Barbella