



Guiding Hands, Growing Together

The Diocese of Kalamazoo continues to update and refine the Goretti Project. The goal of the Goretti Project is to establish open communication between parishes, schools, parents, and youth of the diocese to create a safer environment to know, love, and serve God. For the 2025-2026 school year parishes and parents of parish religious education and youth ministry programs will continue intentional use of this project. Parishes will provide some time for parents to hear and discuss why they are being asked to be involved in safe environment education as well as to learn some valuable information that can assist in keeping their children safe. Each parent will then be provided with a paper handout for their children's specific grade levels. This sheet will address four topics: Communication, Body Awareness, Technology, and Healthy Boundaries. Materials can also be found on the diocesan website (<https://diokzoo.org/gorettiproject>) to provide further discussion points and information to parents who want to have deeper conversations. There are two specific questions for each section to start conversations between parents and their children. We hope that parents will see the value of this program, but as always, parents are welcome to contact the diocese with any additional questions or concerns. After receiving the information parents will have the opportunity to opt in or out of educating their children using these discussion guides. These forms will then be kept at the parish grounds and reported on the Annual Audit.

Attendance at one of the informational meetings listed below is required to receive the lessons needed for your family.

Date(s) of parent training:

Makeup training dates:

Please note: Parents and Guardians may "opt out" youth from formal safety lessons. *Please complete, detach and submit the form below with the selection of your choice, so the parish can provide correct data to the Diocesan Safe Environment Office.*

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR SELECTION TO:

(Name / Location):

BY (Date):

I, _____, have reviewed
the actual safety lessons and DO plan to utilize the Goretti Project Lesson with my child
Grade _____

I, _____, have reviewed the actual safety
lessons and DO NOT plan to utilize the Goretti Project Lesson with my child
Grade _____

Signature of Parent _____ **Date** _____