



Dear Parents,

The safety and well being of the children in our community should be a matter of highest priority for all members of our community. While you as the parent are the primary educator of your child, we recognize our obligation to support your efforts through lessons on personal safety and safe behaviors. The Religious Education Office at Our Lady of Perpetual Help has material on hand intended for that purpose.

Additionally, the Archdiocese of Chicago requires all religious education programs to incorporate Safe Environment education into their programs. We at Our Lady of Perpetual Help are committed to your child's safety and are adhering to this by adding Child Lures® Prevention Safe Environment Education to our curriculum.

As a parent, I encourage you to participate in the "Protecting God's Children for Parents." This program is designed to assist parents in providing education for personal safety to your children. As it states in the Child Lures Parent Guide, "for any prevention program to be truly successful and effective, we must enlist the support and cooperation of the parents. The importance of parental involvement in prevention education cannot be overstated."

In the Religious Education Office, you will find the Parent Guide – a handbook to the Child Lures Prevention Program. I urge you and your children to study the material provided in this handbook. Keep this handbook in a safe place for reference as you child's awareness grows and they are able to understand things a different level. (*We are only able to give one handbook per each family*). Your child should only be presented with material appropriate for their age level. This guide will allow you to continue the prevention efforts in your home. Children are more likely to consider a program interesting and helpful if conversations continue at home. Home reinforcement of the Child Lures Program helps to ensure that students will retain the invaluable information.

As always, if you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Thanking you in advance for helping make our children as safe as possible.

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