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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teen, being formed as a disciple of Jesus by you as well as through our curriculum, is one of the most precious gifts you will receive.

You and we are called to protect the life and dignity of the children entrusted to us. You and we are called to give special attention to the most vulnerable among us. Together we are charged with caring for all that God has created.

Because we believe so strongly in the importance of being faithful to this call, we take special steps to make sure our children are aware of what it means to create a safe environment for themselves.

Safe environment education is not education for human and sexual development. It is rather an effort to train young people to recognize when adults or others behave in an inappropriate manner toward them, how to resist, and to report any and all attempts.

Age appropriate information is integrated into religious education topics taught at each grade level. The curricular points covered in your child's class are listed below. We encourage you to discuss these points with your child. Parents are primary educators of their children and studies have shown that children listen when parents take the time to talk with their children.

If you have questions, please call us. Thank you for your concern, your care and your dedication to the formation of your teen. Thank you for entrusting the precious gift of your child to us.

Sincerely in Christ,

GRADE 9

- The Moral Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance will strengthen our decision-making skills to help us make good choices.
- Students will learn the warning signs of potentially dangerous situations. This includes situations involving technology (Internet, sexting), alcohol and drugs, and appropriate and inappropriate relationships.
- Students will learn they have a responsibility, as all Christians do, for keeping others safe. This includes reporting any potentially dangerous situations.

Parent Follow Up

- Discuss with your child how the struggle to make good choices makes us happier adults.
- Discuss the difference between being popular and being respected.
- Discuss the need to monitor your teen's social media.