

CHILD LURES PREVENTION PROGRAM

LESSON FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 9

Dear Teachers and Home Study Parents/Guardians,

The Archdiocese of Hartford provides each parish religious education program and Catholic school with the Child Lures Prevention Program. The goal of this program is to educate children in the ways and means to stay safe and prevent the possibility of sexual abuse. Children in grades one and up should receive a lesson in this program at least once a year. Mr. Anton Miranda will work directly with grade 1 and I will teach the lesson in grade 5. Teachers and home study parents in grades 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are asked to present a brief lesson to your class or child at home.

Attached you will find a lesson plan to follow. Please take time to look it over and do it with your student(s). If you need assistance, or have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I am here to help.

There is an attendance sheet for your student(s) to sign. It must be returned to the religious education office. Teachers in the after school program may leave it in your attendance folder. Please do the lesson according to the schedule provided or inform parents in advance of the date you choose. Encourage all of your students to be there.

An overview of the Child Lures Prevention Program may be found on the St. Margaret Mary Religious Education web site www.stmmsw.com. It includes an outline of specific lures introduced to students by grade. When the oldest child in a family enters the program for the first time, a *Think First & Stay Safe Parent Guide* is sent home. Parents are asked to keep this guide as a resource for sharing information with their children at home. They are also encouraged to be present during the Child Lures class lesson. A child who is absent from the lesson may be instructed by a parent at home using this material. A signature form should be returned when the home lesson is completed. If parents do not want a child to be included in the class lesson, they may sign an "Opt Out" form. You will be advised.

Thank you for all you are and all you do to teach the children in the St. Margaret Mary Religious Education Program. Your effort is very much appreciated.

God bless,

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