

# Appendix 10 — Safe Environment

## Overview

The Diocese of Marquette is committed to the safety of the children and young people entrusted to our care. The diocese has been found to be in full compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* as issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To ensure this safety, the Diocese of Marquette utilizes a number of programs in our safe environment efforts.

Children in Catholic schools are trained in safe environment using *Child Lures*® Prevention. This comprehensive program trains children in several areas including personal safety, online safety, drug resistance, and school climate.

Children in parish faith formation programs are trained in safe environment utilizing a dual approach: the *Michigan Model* offered in local public schools, and the safe environment components of the *Formation in Christian Chastity* program.

It is our obligation to ensure that any teachings are presented within a Catholic faith context. Therefore, each parish and school will utilize chastity components of the *Formation in Christian Chastity* program developed by the Diocese of Harrisburg. This program relies heavily on parents as the primary educators of their children.

Leadership and oversight of these programs is provided by the Department of Faith Formation & Education. If you have questions contact Greg Gostomski at 227.9125 or 800.562.9745 ext. 125.

## Children’s Safe Environment Components

<i>Formation in Christian Chastity</i>	<i>Child Lures</i>	<i>Michigan Model</i>
Intended for children in grades K-8 in Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs.	Intended for children in grades K-8 in Catholic schools.	Intended for children in grades K-12 in parish faith formation programs.
Parishes and Catholic schools are responsible for offering sessions.	Catholic schools are responsible for offering sessions.	Parishes are responsible for <u>reporting</u> their faith formation enrollment numbers.
Attendance is expected as part of faith formation.	Attendance is mandatory; however, parents can opt their children out of the program with a signed authorization form.	Lessons are taught in the public schools.

## **Formation in Christian Chastity** **Planning Guide**

### **PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

#### **Grade 1**

For the home:

- Parent Letter with general information
- Information sheet from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children on safety
- General information on God

For the classroom:

Lesson plan on safe environment

#### **Grade 2, 3, 4**

For the home:

- Parent letter with general information

#### **Grade 5**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations
- Information sheet from Center for Missing and Exploited Children on safety

For the classroom:

- 2 lesson plans for instruction
- Safe environment lesson plan

#### **Grade 6, 7**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations

For the classroom:

2 lesson plans for instruction

#### **Grade 8**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations

For the classroom:

2 lesson plans for instruction  
Safe environment lesson plan

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

#### **Grade 1**

For the home:

- Parent Letter with general information
- Information sheet from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children on safety
- General information on God

#### **Grade 2, 3, 4**

For the home:

- Parent letter with general information

#### **Grade 5**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations
- Information sheet from Center for Missing and Exploited Children on safety

For the classroom:

-2 lesson plans for instruction

#### **Grade 6, 7**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations

For the classroom:

2 lesson plans for instruction

#### **Grade 8**

For the home:

- Parent letter with three components and recommendations

For the classroom:

2 lesson plans for instruction

*Note: Catholic Schools utilize Child Lures as their safe environment program*

