



## OFFICE FOR CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The safety of our children, creating awareness, and preventing child abuse are among the highest of priorities for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As part of those efforts, our Parish Religious Education Programs offers KIDTALK, a personal safety program designed for exclusive use in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's religious education programs.

KIDTALK was created by a partnership between the Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) and The Office for Catechetical Formation. It incorporates best practices in child sexual abuse prevention with theological themes from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The lessons both recognize the rapid pace of technological advancements and developments in today's culture, and include specific catechesis, which will help students not only be safe, but also be in Communion with Christ.

Participation in the KIDTALK lessons is at the discretion of parents and guardians. Lessons may be reviewed online at OCYP's website at <https://childyouthprotection.org/index.php/protect-children/trainings>. If, however, you wish to opt out your child(ren) from the lesson, you must contact your Director or Coordinator of Religious Education to sign an opt out form which is provided by the parish.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Office for Child and Youth Protection by calling 215.587.2466 or emailing us at [ocyp@archphila.org](mailto:ocyp@archphila.org).

Thank you for your partnership in preventing abuse and creating a safe learning environment for children.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Davila, M.S.  
Director

