

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Bryan Yorksmith, St. Anthony School

SUBJECT: *God's Own Making, Family Life and Child Safety Program*

DATE: January 22, 2021

As a way to support the Church's teaching on family life education, we are pleased to offer Sadlier's *God's Own Making (4th-8th)* and the RCL Benziger *Family Life (K-3)* program to all students in our schools from kindergarten through grade eight during the last weeks of January and first weeks of February, 2021.

These programs help foster personal growth, Catholic moral development, and respect for life. Centering on five themes of God's gifts - family, self, life, love, and community - the programs at each grade level help families to see, internalize, and act upon values for family living.

The Diocese of Gallup is engaged in an ongoing effort to create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect children from all types of abuse, including sexual abuse. As part of this effort, these programs contain a *Child Safety* program that we will also be presenting to our students at the same time.

As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the *Child Safety* portion of the classes. You also have the right to choose if your 5th through 6th graders participate in the human reproduction portion of the classes as well. **Please fill out the form on the back, indicating your preference with regard to your child's participation in the *Child Safety* program for children in all grades, and the human reproduction classes for students in 5th through 6th grade. Return the completed form to your child's teacher no later than January 29th, 2021.**

Classes have all of the materials for the *God's Own Making, Family Life, and Child Safety Program* available in the classrooms if you would like to preview the material.

It is an honor and a privilege for our teachers to assist you in your role as the primary educators of your children. Thank you for sharing this blessing with us!

Sincerely,

Bryan Yorksmith
St. Anthony Catholic School

Permission for my child to participate in the *Family Life* and *Child Safety* program:

- I give permission for my child to participate in the *God's Own Making, Family Life* and *Child Safety* program presented at St. Anthony School.

- I give permission for my child to participate in the *God's Own Making, Family Life* and *Child Safety* program at his/her school, **but prefer to teach the human reproduction materials at home**, if applicable to my child's grade level (**5th & 6th grades only**).

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian's name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Opt-out form for use with the *Child Safety* program:

I hereby ask that my child be excused from all classes and assignments related to the *God's Own Making, Family Life*, and *Child Safety* program. I understand that my child will not be ostracized or penalized in any way because of this decision. I also understand that my child will have adult supervision and meaningful work to do during the time that he or she is out of the classroom while the *Child Safety* program is being taught or discussed.

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian's name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you choose to opt-out of the program, do you wish to come to the school office to get copies of the material to teach your child yourself? Yes _____ No _____