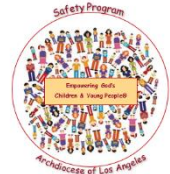




Empowering God's Children & Young People® Overview



The Los Angeles Archdioceses Office of Safeguard the Children, has developed a new K-12, “Empowering God’s Children” Safety Program for schools and Religious Education Programs throughout the Archdioceses. This replaces the old VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety Program. The new program is designed to help children and young people know they have the power to protect themselves from harmful or threatening situations and to always aim to keep themselves safe and healthy.

Components of the New Program

- Catechetical Connection
- Easy to Use Lesson Plans
- New “Empowering God’s Children” Video
- Variety of Classroom Activities
- Take Home Activity

Three-Year Cycle

Empowering God’s Children® will remain on the three-year cycle. This year the cycle is Year 2: Boundaries & Bullying.

Year 1:	2017 – 2018	Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules
*Year 2:	2018 – 2019	Boundaries & Bullying
Year 3:	2019 – 2020	Internet and Technology Safety
Every Year:	April/May	Summer Safety Rules

***Year 2 Lesson Plans:** www.archla.org/safeguard

Completion of Lessons and Reporting

March 15, 2019 all lessons must be completed

March 30, 2019 all lessons must be report on VIRTUS® Online

<https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/>

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