

St. Nicholas of Myra Church

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As a church community we are committed to working to protect all children from harm. The Diocese of Fall River has initiated Safe Environment programs to ensure the safety and security for all children as they participate in church and religious activities.

Safe Environment programs require training programs, codes of conduct and background checks for employees and volunteers who work with young people. It also includes outreach and education for parents as well as students. All students in faith formation are provided with information on maltreatment prevention as part of the faith formation curriculum. This information comes directly from the Diocese and is presented in a brief and age appropriate manner. **The parish is obligated to provide this education, as are all Catholic parishes in the country as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.**

If you prefer for your child NOT to participate in the Abuse Prevention Program you MUST sign and return the enclosed "Opt-Out" form to the Faith Formation office. We ask that parents/guardians to plan to stay 30 minutes the first day of your child's class to meet the above requirement.

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