Dear Parent, 2026/2027

Each year, Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Diocese of Allentown teach the Child Protection Catechesis Curriculum mandated by the *Charter for the Protection for Children and Young People* passed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The material in this curriculum has been prepared in light of our faith and in accordance with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of the preschool program is to help children improve self-reliance, raise self-esteem, and master personal safety skills – all while reassuring them that most people are kind, safe, and committed to their well-being.

You, as a parent, are the primary educator of your child. If you have concerns as to whether this material is appropriate for your child, we invite you to come to school/church to view the materials. You may also attend any of the sessions simply by making arrangements with the Director of the school or the DRE/CRE of the parish program.

The Child Protection Teaching Objectives for St. Theresa Preschool are as follows:

1. God made me special.
2. I should respect myself and respect others.
3. We have families, friends, and a church family to help us grow in love.
4. We have rules in our world to help keep us safe.

We ask that you continue to place your trust in us as we begin this program working with you and your child in partnership.

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Child Protection Catechesis Acknowledgement Form

I have read the Child Protection Objectives. I understand the purpose and the goals. Please sign and return this form to school. These signatures are required to be on file. Thank you.

Family Name _____

Parent # 1 signature _____

Parent # 2 signature_____

Guardian signature _____

Date: _____