

## **GRADES 8**

### **CHILD PROTECTION CATECHESIS-TEACHING OBJECTIVES**

1. We are all created in the image and likeness of God. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
2. Our families and trusted adults and teachers share a concern for our safety.
3. We learn to differentiate between safe and unsafe or unwanted touch. We are called to chastity and we have a responsibility to avoid and immediately report any unwanted or unsafe touch to a parent or other trusted adult.
4. We show respect for ourselves and others by the way we talk, act, and live. We must identify respectful and disrespectful language and actions and avoid anyone who fails to respect us. In particular, the areas of our bodies covered by the bathing suit zone are private and must not be violated.
5. God gave us the gift of free will. All actions have consequences. We must learn how to discern the implications of the choices we make every day. When we experience the bad choice of others, we must report the offense and get help.
6. The virtue of chastity helps us understand and identify actions or behaviors which are wrong or sinful. Children, young adults must avoid actions or experiences or behaviors which offend against chastity.
7. Some secrets can be very harmful to us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Always question secret play, secret games and determine if the secrets can cause great harm.
8. There are many different kinds of friendship. Healthy relationships and friendships can help us to understand ourselves, God and others. We can meet false friends who mistreat us or take advantage of our trust and friendship. Poor relationships and false friendships can deeply harm us psychologically, emotionally, spiritually and even physically. People who manipulate or misuse our friendship are not friends. We must report any relationships which can be harmful to us.
9. Good communication with parents and family members help keep me safe. I can also help keep younger siblings and others safe by being observant and concerned.
10. My parents and family and other trusted adults will listen to me and help me. Make a list of three trusted adults who will listen to me and help me. I will make a list of the three trusted adults I can go to with any problem in addition to my parents and family members. My parents and I will make the list together.