# Protecting Our Children

3-Part Curriculum for 8th-Grade Students What is covered: Authentic Love vs. Counterfeit Love, Identity in Christ, and Social Media Dangers.

## The Program Covers the Following:

- The difference between authentic love and counterfeit love.
- The importance of developing our identity in relation to God.
- The negative impact of false identities based on lies and deceptions.
- A greater understanding of temptation's role in our lives and the gift of our free will.
- The common vulnerabilities that predators look to exploit.
- Discussions on illusion vs. reality.
- An understanding of what sextortion, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking are?
- Understand the potential dangers of all Social Media Apps and Gaming Apps.
- The 7 Stages of Grooming.
- What they should do if they find themselves in unhealthy situations.

### Adults walk away with:

- A designated presentation for parents & caregivers on social media and online gaming safety, and how to keep youth safe from sexual exploitation.
- The tools and resources to protect our youth.
- Resources on healthy conversation starters.
- Peace of mind that youth and adults have a common understanding of online dangers, including sexual exploitation, sextortion, pornography, and human trafficking.
- Security that the Catholic/Christian faith is incorporated throughout all three sessions.

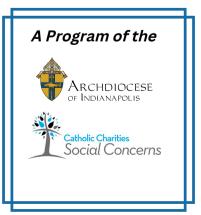
### Students walk away with:

- A greater sense of self-worth and understanding that God wanted them to be.
- An understanding between authentic love and counterfeit love. More importantly, that they are worthy of Authentic Love.
- Knowledge of social media and gaming app safety.
- Reassurance they are not alone when facing negative peer pressure to engage in sketchy, dangerous, or immoral activities.
- The knowledge, tools, and support needed to help them make good choices in what they do and how it translates into their everyday life.

## Time and Cost.

- Each session is completed in the classroom during school hours.
- The sessions can be 40 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the school schedule.
- Cost: \$400

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Today's lesson made me realize that the mistakes I made don't identify me. 8th Grade Girl "I had no idea about the different stages of grooming." 8th grade girl

"I learned that we are not the sum of our mistakes" 8th grade boy

"I like the donuts and that you were so nice and truthful." 8th grade boy

"I have not been the best anymore. Just not happy. It's nice to hear I Am Worthy of Love and I can grow to be better." 8th grade boy "I just wanted to say thank you for your time and what you did for us. This is a touchy subject for me and you've made it very comfortable to talk about." 8th grade girl

"I learned some better ways to love myself and care more about my thoughts and feelings. Thank you for helping me not harm myself last week." 8th grade girl

"The real life stories that actually happened helped me understand how real these situations are." 8th grade girl