



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

November 14th — November 20th, 2016

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse will be celebrating the 1st Annual Safe Environment Week November 14th – November 20th throughout our seven counties! This special week is an acknowledgement and thank you to those who are paramount in the ongoing success of promoting a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for our children and youth.

We are inviting our Catholic School and Faith Formation students to showcase their creativity by participating in our very first poster and media contest! This contest is to showcase God's greatest gifts, *our children and youth* - the very reason our clergy, religious, employees, volunteers and parents are dedicated to providing safe environments in our parishes, schools and agencies.

Theme

The theme for Safe Environment Week is "Protecting God's Gifts". Entries must include the statement "Safe Environment Week". Submissions must address one or more of the following:

What are some of your gifts?

How are you a gift to others?

How are others a gift to you?

Contest rules

Participants (up to 2 students per submission) may utilize any art medium (crayons, markers, watercolors, etc. The poster should be on 8 ½ x 11 or 11x17 paper.

Short Video Contest: In 1 ½ minutes, participants (up to 2 students per submission) must create a message in a video containing all ORIGINAL/non-copyrighted materials (no popular songs, photos of celebrities, logos/graphics of television shows or movies).

Flipagram: Using this popular app, create a short visual story (no popular songs, photos of celebrities, logos/graphics of television shows or movies) (up to 2 students per submission).

Submissions are due by ***Friday, December 16, 2016.***

Entries and the final winners will be judged by the diocesan Safe Environment Committee.

Judging will be done as follows, with one winner by age group:

K – 2nd grade

6th – 8th grade

3rd – 5th grade

9th – 12th grade

Each entry chosen will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. Winners will be notified by **January 15, 2017**.

All physical entries become the property of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse and cannot be returned. The winners and their underlying design will be used by the Diocese of Syracuse during National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2017).

Entry labeling

Please attach this form with each entry. Please print clearly.

Student Name _____

Age _____ Grade (K-12) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Catholic School or Parish _____

Catholic School/Faith Formation Teacher Name _____

I understand that my child is participating in a voluntary poster contest. His/her submission will become the property of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. I will not hold the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse liable for any lost or damaged entries. I give the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse permission to use the artwork/video/Flipagram submitted in future publications relating to National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Telephone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

All entry forms must have a parent/guardian signature.

Submission

Please submit all poster entries to:

Office of Safe Environment
Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
240 E. Onondaga St.
Syracuse, NY 13202

To submit a video or Flipagram, follow these steps:

1. Send an e-mail with your name, the name of your school/parish, names of any additional participants, video title and contact information to nossevoort@syrдио.org with subject line “Safe Environment Week Submission. Please include the video or Flipagram as an attachment (for instructions on saving a Flipagram to your camera roll, click [here](#)).

Please note: In compliance with diocesan Safe Environment guidelines, all video participants must have signed release forms on file. We are unable to include any videos without proper documentation.