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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In 2003 the United States Conference of Catholic bishops wrote a charter for the protection of children and young people called: "Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal". We affirm parents as the first educators of their children and we value the trust you put in us placing your children in our care. Keeping them smart and safe is of the utmost importance to us. Our Archdiocese has developed policies and practices that are designed to ensure the safety of the young people in our care.

Grades Pre-K-3: Students will participate in a program called: "Shield the Vulnerable-Talking About Touching."

A parent meeting will take place on October 10, 2010 in the church after the 9:30 Mass. The program will be explained and the materials will be available for review. This program will be introduced to the children by me. (Rosemary Lyon, DRE) Volunteer catechists will not be responsible for presenting this material.

This program will cover four basic safety topics and will be done in class.

- Personal Safety/Adhering to Family Safety Rules
- People Safety/How to say NO and be sure others listen
- Touching Safety (Safe/Unsafe Touches, Touching Rule, Safety steps)
- Assertiveness/Support- Creating a Family Safety Web

Dates: Grades K-1 October 31, 2010 9:30-10:30 Please pick up your child at 10:30 in the classroom.

Grade 2: February 27

Grade 3: November 7 and 14

Grades 4-8

Students will participate in a single session online program called "Shield the Vulnerable-Kid's Safety." Please see the attached information on this program.

Please complete the online program together with your child before December 12, 2010. Once you have completed the program you will need to print out the certificate. We will require a copy of the certificate by December 12.

If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to contact me at rlyon.stdenis@gmail.com anytime or at 854-1081 during office hours. (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday 9am-5pm.)

May God bless you and your family as we work together to keep your children safe.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Lyon, DRE
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