



Office of the Bishop

St. Nicholas, Patron of Children
December 6, 2012

Dear Clergy, Consecrated Men and Women Religious, and Lay Faithful,

An important part of our ongoing Ethics and Integrity program are the focused Safe Environment Weeks. For the week of January 21-27, 2012, I am asking parents and catechists to focus on Communications as part of establishing healthy habits for a Safe Environment.

Children and young people need to learn the importance of treating others with respect and in being respected themselves. Part of grooming behavior is to persuade potential victims to keep secrets and to fear telling anyone about the groomers actions. By staying positive, and modeling healthy communications, we can help our children and young people know that they should tell someone if they are treated in a way that makes them uncomfortable. Indeed, healthy communications can also help adults avoid being exploited in an unhealthy relationship.

As we enter the tenth year of our efforts to foster a Safe Environment, I want to thank all those who have committed to living in accord with the Ethics and Integrity policies of the Diocese of Tyler. The Diocese has established a positive reputation for implementation of the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People. The continued efforts of each person is necessary to assure that all God's children are treated with respect and dignity.

May God bless you in this holy Advent season.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Alvaro Corrada, SJ
Apostolic Administrator of Tyler

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