

October 4, 2006

Dear Priests and Parish Contact Persons for Ethics and Integrity,

The fall Safe Environment Program focus week is going to be November 11-18, 2006. Enclosed are materials you will need to duplicate for the parents/guardians of the minors involved in any of your parish/school programs.

Be particularly attentive to the Parental acknowledgement form which must be completed for each household. Every parish is responsible for maintaining these sheets as part of their permanent parish records. If your parish is picked for a compliance audit for Ethics and Integrity you will be required to produce these sheets for every year, beginning in January 2006. These sheets can be kept in a file folder or a three ring binder. NB – It is important that the wishes of the parents be respected and materials not be presented to those children whose parents/guardians elected to not have our help in covering this material with their child.

October Focus Week:

Two (3) Information sheets for children/teens:

Beware of Sneaky Adults
Bullying Prevention Tips for Kids
Safety Activity Sheet

Two (2) Information sheets for parents/guardians

12 Alternatives to Lashing Out
Bullying Prevention Tips for Parents

January Focus Week:

Two (3) Information sheets for children/teens

Conduct for Church People
What You Should Know Brochure
Safety Activity Sheet

Two (2) Information sheets for parents/guardians

Tuning in to your Teens
Nurturing Your Children

Additional materials will be provided for our April Child Abuse month campaign including Blue Sunday. You will also receive information concerning the upcoming audit and what the auditors will be looking for. Due to all of the hard work and diligence of our Priests and Parish Contact Persons, the Diocese of Tyler's Safe Environment Program continues to be a great success.

Blessings,

Rev. Gavin N. Vaverek, JCL
Promoter of Justice
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