

Safe Environment Program 2010-11

Parent/ Guardian Packet

Diocese of Tyler

Overview of the Parent/ Guardian Packet:

“Church people should respect you” (English or Spanish)

“Points on Internet safety for parents and children” (English or Spanish)

Acknowledgement and Participation Sheet

ACTION REQUESTED:

First - Sign and return the Acknowledgement and Participation Sheet at the end of the packet.

NB: Please review materials for use with children and young people. You will note that they do not touch upon human sexuality nor any type of graphic abuse. For this reason the Bishop does not feel these materials in any way interfere with the parents/guardians role as primary educators of their children. Parental consent will not be required this year for materials to be presented to children participating in parish programs.

Later – Read over the materials provided for your information. Discuss the Internet safety handout and consider signing it with your child. You keep the signed copy as a reminder for yourself and your child of your commitment.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE:

There is a short video on Internet safety at: <http://www.ikeepSAFE.org/assets/book/> This video might be of use to you in discussing the importance of safety on the Internet with your children.

MORE DETAILS

What you are receiving:

These materials are made available to you as part of the ongoing efforts of the Diocese of Tyler to nurture a safe environment for all God's children. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that these materials be given to you and requires the Diocese to maintain your signed acknowledgement of receiving this packet.

WHAT ABOUT THE MATERIALS THAT ARE FOR THE CHILDREN?

FURTHER, UNDER THE CHARTER WE ARE TO HELP IN THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN ON HOW TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE FROM ABUSE. IN THE DIOCESE OF TYLER WE COOPERATE WITH THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS IN CARRYING OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY. WE ASK YOU TO REVIEW THE MATERIALS THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE JANUARY SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATIONS. THEY ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TO WHAT YOUR CHILD RECEIVES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL. THEY ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE PROGRAMS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.