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To: Pastors, Administrators, Priests-in-charge
From: Most Rev. Alvaro Corrada, SJ
Date: August 1, 2008
Subject: Safe Environment Program 2008

In support of the 2008 Safe Environment Program we are asking each parish to take the following steps:

1. Distribute the Safe Environment Program 2008 materials to all parents and guardians of minors involved in any parish programs (Sunday School, Youth Groups, Altar Servers, etc.) Remember to ask parents to sign the accompanying participation sheet.
2. Retain signed copies of the participation sheets in your parish files.
3. Make plans for the September Safe Environment Week beginning Sept 27. This year the focus is on prayer for victims of abuse.
 1. Offer a Mass the Weekend of September 27 for Healing of Victims of Sexual Abuse.
 2. Use the attached sheet as a flyer or bulletin insert that week.
 3. Consider holding a Holy Hour or other special prayer during the week.
4. Make plans for the January Safe Environment Week beginning Jan 17. This year the focus is on preventing grooming and the appropriate conduct of adults. Use the attached sheet as a flyer or bulletin insert.
5. April 2009 will again be Child Abuse Awareness Month. Blue Ribbon Sunday will be April 25-26.
 1. Attached is a possible bulletin insert or flyer. Please plan on having at least one bulletin insert or flyer that month.
 2. Please consider having a speaker or prayer event in your community to focus on this important issue.
 3. This is a good opportunity for cooperation with neighboring religious or civic groups.

Information can also be found on our diocesan web site www.dioceseoftyler.org/sep