

MEMO

To: Pastors, Administrators, Priests-in-charge
From: Rev. Gavin N. Vaverek, JCL, Promoter of Justice
Date: January 3, 2011
Subject: Safe Environment Week – January 15-22, 2011

In support of the 2010-11 Safe Environment Program we are asking each parish to take the following steps:

1. Distribute the Safe Environment Program (Winter 2011) materials to all parents and guardians of minors involved in any parish programs (Sunday School, Youth Groups, Altar Servers, etc.) This includes the following:

1. Cover memo

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

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

Parental participation sheet. (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 January Safe Environment Week beginning Jan 15. This year the focus is to remind everyone how 'Church people' are committed to act, and to raise awareness of the need for parental cooperation in keeping children safe on the Internet.
4. Use the “You can help protect all God's children” as a flyer or bulletin insert, to be distributed to all households.
5. April 2011 will again be Child Abuse Awareness Month. Blue Ribbon Sunday will be April 23-24.
 1. Please plan on having at least one bulletin insert or flyer that month.

Please consider having a speaker or prayer event in your community to focus on this important issue.

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