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To: Pastors, Administrators, Priests-in-charge
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Subject: Safe Environment Program 2011: November Week of Prayer

Bishop Corrada has again approved the week of November 12-18 as our autumn Safe Environment Week to focus on prayer for victims of abuse. We are asking each parish to take the following steps for the November Safe Environment Week beginning November 12, 2011:

1. Offer a Mass that Weekend for Healing of Victims of Sexual Abuse.
2. Include a prayer of the faithful at Masses: eg. For the healing of all victims of abuse and their families...let us pray to the Lord.
3. Use the "6 things" sheet as a flyer or bulletin insert that week.
4. Make copies of the Maria Goretti prayers available.
5. Distribute to the children the age appropriate prayer sheet.
6. Encourage the families to pray throughout the week and to consider ongoing prayer.
7. Consider holding a Holy Hour or other special prayer during this week.

More details on the Safe Environment Program for 2011 will be sent out in the future. Further information can also be found on our diocesan web site www.dioceseoftyler.org/sep.

As always, each parish/mission/school should maintain records/copies of what is done in connection with the Safe Environment Program.