

# **Safe Environment Program 2008**

## ***Parent/ Guardian Packet***

### **Diocese of Tyler**

#### **Overview of the Parent/ Guardian Packet:**

Letter from Bishop Corrada  
Information materials for adults  
Materials for use with children in September  
Materials for use with children in January  
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 the letter from the Bishop and read over the materials provided for your information.

#### **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 September and January Safe Environment presentations. They are supplementary to what your child receives in public school. They are integrated into the programs in Catholic Schools.