



## **PUBLIC OUT REACH TO VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

The Diocese of Tyler's is committed to foster a Safe Environment for all people. As part of this ongoing commitment, the Diocese of Tyler requests parishes/missions and Catholic institutions to consciously reach out to possible victims of abuse. Outreach is concerned with reaching out to victims of abuse whether they have recently been harmed as well as those who may have been harmed many years ago. To accomplish this the Diocese of Tyler requests of priests, deacons and all parishes/missions that the following steps be taken:

- 1) Basic outreach information should be posted on places where people can have access to important information on the parish, such as public bulletin boards and parish websites.
- 2) Basic outreach information should be in the bulletin regularly, at least once a month, preferably on the 3rd Sunday of the month. (Remember that the Catholic East Texas is supposed to be sent to every family at the first of the month.)
- 3) Every literature rack in church offices, parish foyers, or school offices should include at least a one page sheet on identifying and responding to possible cases of abuse. This should include contact information for reporting criminal abuse as well as contacting Church authorities.

To accomplish these goals the following is a model of the heart of the message that should be included in all outreach efforts:

“All possibly criminal abuse should be reported to the local police or Child Protective Services. Any current or past cases of abuse involving someone who works for the Church should also be reported to the Promoter of Justice at (903) 266-2159 or [promoter@diocesoftyler](mailto:promoter@diocesoftyler).”

Given this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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Bishop of Tyler