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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As a church community we are committed to working to protect all children from harm. The Diocese of Fall River has initiated a New Safe Environment program, Circle of Grace. We have adapted this program for our parish use.

Safe Environment programs require training programs, codes of conduct and background checks for employees and volunteers who work with young people. It also includes education for students. All students in faith formation are provided with information on abuse prevention as part of the faith formation curriculum. This information comes directly from the Diocese and is presented in a brief and age appropriate manner. **The parish is obligated to provide this education, as are all Catholic parishes in the country as mandated by the Dallas Charter of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.**

If you prefer for your child NOT to participate in the Abuse Prevention Program's Safe Environment Lesson you MUST sign and return the attached "Opt-Out" form to the Faith Formation office. The lesson will be given during a regular class schedule as follows:

Gr.1 - Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gr.5 - Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Gr.2 - Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gr.6 - Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>
Gr.3 - Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gr.7 - Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>
Gr.4 - Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gr.8 - Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>

I have attached a copy of the lesson plan for this incoming season for all Faith Formation classes. Each grade builds on the previous grade so there is intentional repetition. Please review it carefully and decide if you want to "opt out" your child/ren. Children who have been "opted-out" will be provided an alternate lesson for the allotted time the safe environment lesson is being taught.

Please keep in mind, if I do not receive the opt-out form by date of the scheduled class lesson, the expectation is your child/children will be attending the Safe Environment Lesson.

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

God bless,

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