

**RE: Safe Environment Program**

Dear Parent,

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we will be presenting a safe environment curriculum for our children and young people which is supported and mandated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Bismarck.

*“Dioceses will establish ‘safe environment’ programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Dioceses will make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.” - Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

We have taken many steps in recent years to do our part in ensuring that your children are in a safe place when they participate in our program. All of our staff and volunteers have received the required background checks and training. The goal of our age-appropriate lessons is to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own and other's dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program, please contact me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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