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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we work together to ensure the safety of our children in every way, we are especially stressing that every human being deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Our ministry with children and youth is a sacred trust rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In order to fulfill the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People which the Bishops have approved, we are asked to give training each year to our students. The curriculum for these classes is called *Circles of Care* and can be found on the diocesan website, syrdio.org.

Kindergarten – We Are Good and Special
Grade 1 – We are created and loved by God
Grade 2 – Dangerous situations and safety tips
Grade 3 – Bullying; trusted adults
Grade 4 – Difference between tattling and telling
Grade 5 – Dangerous situations; trusted adults
Grade 6 – Scripture passages that illustrate God's love and care for all
Grade 7 & 8 – Internet Safety
Grade 9 & 10 – Risk factors for sexual abuse; supporting others in a crisis

These sessions will take place sometime between November and February. There will only be one class per grade. If you would like your children to participate, you do not need to do anything. If you do not wish your children to participate, please stop by or contact the R.E. office and we will send you an 'opt out' form to complete and return to us.

Please feel free to call me about any concerns you may have. Let us work together to create the safest possible environment for our young people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Cheryl Smith
Director of Religious Education