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Parish/school name  
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January 24, 2011

Dear Parents:

As you know, the Diocese of Knoxville has adopted and implemented the “Keeping Kids Safe” safe environment program for children. This program provides children and parents with information about how to take steps to foster safe environments wherever they may be. In this program we will be covering these topics: good touch/bad touch, respect for self and others, secrets, good choices, and safe adults.

This letter is to let you know that our parish/school will be reviewing this material with your child/children during the month of **March**. As a parent it is important to re-enforce the principles of the Safe Environment Program with your children. The diocesan website has all the age-appropriate lesson plans available for you to review at any time. <http://dioknox.org/child-protection/safe-environment/>

Parents who do not want their children to participate will be asked to sign an Opt-out form and return it to the school or parish. If we do not receive an opt out letter regarding this program then we assume that you grant permission for your child to attend.

Thank you and God bless your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor

**I do not wish my child to participate in the Keeping Kids Safe program mandated by the Diocese of Knoxville. I will take the responsibility of educating my children about safe and unsafe situation upon myself.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child/Children's name(s)

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Signature: -----