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Dear Parents:

Reports of violent crime are a daily news item. We have become all too familiar with stories of physical and sexual abuse. More and more these crimes involve children as victims. Once a problem rarely discussed, child sexual abuse is now a prominent concern and one that the Catholic Church takes very seriously. At this critical time in the church, we are presented with an opportunity to educate ourselves and our children in order to prevent future incidents of abuse.

As part of the Church's commitment to keep children safe, we are planning safe environment sessions for children. These will teach children to be safe because they are aware of their own body, have designated someone they feel safe with and can trust to tell, and that they can receive help without feeling guilt or shame if they do tell.

A program of one class session will be held the following days and times. All parents are welcome to attend.

grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: February 12, 2020

As members of this parish community, we feel that we can be partners with parents in giving children information so they can tell someone if they are harmed or in danger of being harmed and can assist in their own self-protection. Together we minimize the risk of all child abuse, especially child sexual abuse.

The children will bring home all worksheets that we work on.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this program or its contents please feel free to contact us here at the Faith Formation Office: 869-2244

Sincerely,

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