Dear Parents,

The child you bring today for formation as a disciple of Jesus Christ is one of the most precious gifts you will ever receive.

You and we, the community of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, are called to protect the life and dignity of the children entrusted to us. You and we are called to give special attention to the most vulnerable among us. Together, we are charged with caring for all that God has created.

Because we believe so strongly in the importance of being faithful to this call, we will take special steps this year to make sure that our children are aware of what it means to create a safe environment for themselves.

Safe environment education is not education for human and sexual development. In the words of Bishop Jackels, "It is, rather, an effort to train children and young people to recognize when adults behave in an inappropriate manner toward them, how to resist, and to report any and all attempts."

Age appropriate information will be integrated into religious education topics that are already being taught in the classroom at each grade level. The curricular points to be covered in your child's class are listed below. If you have any questions, please contact: _____

Thank you for your concern, your care and your dedication to the formation of your child. Thank you for entrusting this precious gift to us.

GRADE 9

1. Making Good Decisions
Daniel 1,3: How did the Three Young Men make good decisions? How can you make good decisions as far as your safety goes?

2. Respecting Self Enough To Say "No"
Daniel 1,3: Because God dwells within you, know that following God's call means you will always be taken care of.

3. Appropriate and Inappropriate Relationships
Genesis 39 (Joseph's temptation from Potiphar's wife) vs. 2 Sam. 11,12: Which shows the appropriate way to use authority? What were the consequences of sin in each relationship?

4. Modesty
Genesis 39 and 2 Sam. 11,12: How does modesty keep you safe in your relationships?