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Dear Parents,

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life. Article 12 of the *Charter* directs all dioceses to create programs to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Diocese of Fort Worth this program is integrated into the Catholic school curriculum, religious education classes, and youth ministry sessions.

The religion teachers for grades K through 12 will present the self-protection sessions during the religion classes on **Sunday, September 24, 2017**. Grades K through 5 involve lesson plans and grades 6 through 12 involve a video. If you have a teen who wishes to volunteer with children, for example, as a VBS volunteer, they must attend these sessions as well as the Teen Leader Training offered later.

If you are okay with your children attending the sessions, simply check the “Yes” on the bottom section of this letter and return it to the parish office, to the attention of SEC COORDINATOR OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORRINATOR, at registration (if you do not return the form we will assume it is okay for your child to attend). If you do not want your child to participate, check “No” on the form. We will then make sure they are not in the classroom for the self-protection session. We will also send materials home for you to go over with our child. We appreciate your cooperation in the regard.

NAME



Yes, my child will participate in the self-protection program.

No, my child will not participate in the self-protection program.

Student Name(s)

Grade

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Parent Name (Please print)

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Parent

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