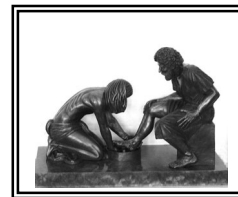


**CHRIST THE SERVANT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
8700 Havens Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517



January, 2007

Dear Parent,

As mandated by the Diocese of Joliet in accordance with the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**, all staff and volunteers working with children and young people are required to attend a **Protecting God's Children** awareness training session as well as having a background check conducted. Many parents have chosen to attend the PGC program to further their own understanding of this difficult subject.

The Diocese of Joliet has responded to a need many adults saw for a children's program. They have designed a safe environment curriculum that includes a safety program entitled, *Talking About Touching* for primary grades and *Creating Safe and Sacred Places* instruction for grades 7-12. These programs are being used throughout the Diocese. In addition, the programs provide for the continuing response to the Catholic Church's 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

The *Talking About Touching* program, adapted for the Diocese of Joliet, is a way for your child to learn to recognize and respond appropriately and assertively to improper touch. The material helps students understand that they can say "no" and tell a trusted adult. The instruction is gentle and will help your child learn about these unpleasant realities in a positive way.

Christ the Servant Parish will be offering this material in a **parent and child session format**. This is an opportunity for parents to open up conversation with their children on uncomfortable topics in a God centered and welcoming space.

The sessions will be held in age groups on the following dates:

Grades Kindergarten through 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Monday, January 22	6:30-7:15pm
Grades 4 to 6	Monday, January 22	7:30-8:15pm
Grades 7 to 12	Tuesday, January 23	6:30-7:30pm

We have available the Emmy Award winning video, *What Do I Say Now?*, which gives great tips on how to listen to your child and how to talk to your child about awkward topics, specifically those relating to sexuality and touching safety. Contact Roberta Balsewicz at 910-0770 or [roberta@ctswoodridge.org](mailto:roberta@ctswoodridge.org) to schedule an appointment for viewing or to check the tape out overnight.

Included in this packet of information are three pamphlets that the Diocese of Joliet provides to you as parents of children in our Religious Formation programs; *Understanding and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse-A Parent Guide*, *The Diocese of Joliet's Pastoral Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors and Internet Safety for Children and Teens-A Parent Guide*.

Christ the Servant Catholic Church recognizes the role of the parent as the primary educator of their children. We take seriously our role as partners and we hope that these guidelines assure you of our commitment to your children.

**The Diocese REQUIRES that a response to this letter be in every family's file. Please respond no later than January 15, 2007.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we received the 3 brochures – *Understanding and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse – A Parent Guide*, *The Diocese of Joliet's Pastoral Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors*, and *Internet Safety for Children and Teens – A Parent Guide*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our family will attend on:

_____ Mon, January 22 from 6:30-7:15pm	_____ number of adults and students
_____ Mon, January 22 from 7:30-8:15pm	_____ number of adults and students
_____ Tues, January 23 from 6:30-7:30pm	_____ number of adults and students

\_\_\_\_\_ Our family chooses not to attend.

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Signature of parent/guardian

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Date