Dear Parent or Guardian,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who showed his love for children by holding them and blessing them.

This letter is an invitation to you and your children to participate in a very special class about **Teaching Safety**.

Every parish in our diocese, indeed throughout the dioceses of the United States, is directed to provide for the children and young people in our parish religious education programs **special lessons** on how to keep themselves safe from child sexual abuse. The lessons are for your child's personal safety and ***not*** for education in human sexuality. The goal is to reinforce what you as parents are teaching your children about appropriate touching and the difference between safe and unsafe friends.

• Please note the dates and times for these classes for your child's grade:

Grade Level Day and Date Time Location

1st and 2nd Tuesday, October 24, 2023 6:00 PM Parish Hall

Before the lessons are provided to the children, **parents are invited** to view the short introductory video for each lesson.

• Please note the dates and times you may view the video here in our parish:

Day and Date Time Location

Saturday, October 21, 2023 9:00 AM Parish Hall

The Diocese of Brownsville and our parish thank you for being part of the plan to keep all our children safe.

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If for any reason, you would **prefer that your child not participate** in the special teaching safety lesson, please fill out the ***form on the back*** of this sheet and **return it to the parish office by Friday, October 20, 2023.**

Happy to collaborate with you in the Faith Formation of your child,

Name

Parish Catechetical Leader