

September 8, 2008



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Hudson, WI 54016
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Parents and other responsible adults want to protect children from those who might harm them, but no child can be supervised 24 hours a day. St. Patrick Faith Formation will be offering training designed to help your child avoid vulnerable situations and resist abuse. The training will first help your child to recognize his or her value as a person created in the image and likeness of God, as someone who deserves to be loved and treated with respect, as well as a person who will show respect for others. It will also teach your child age-appropriate ways he or she can reduce the likelihood of being sexually abused and ways to get help from others if needed.

This training is part of a program called "Creating Safe and Sacred places for Children and Youth" – our parish's and diocese's response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth: Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal*. The following sessions have been scheduled:

Grades K-5	November 12, 2008	At all 5:00pm & 6:30pm Formation Sessions
Grades 6-8	October 29, 2008	As part of a Large Group with Alice Heinzen
Grades 9-11	December 3, 2008	As part of a Large Group with Deacon Gregg Miller

Please be aware the your child(ren) will participate in this training unless we receive a signed, written notice of your refusal. Refusals may not be made by email or telephone. For your convenience, a refusal form is included below. We must receive your refusal at least 3 days before the session.

Families of Children who do not participate in the training will receive a resource packet. This packet is designed to help parents/guardians educate their children on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry J. Huiras
Faith Formation Director

-----PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 22, 2008-----

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

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(please print)

_____ Yes, I would like my child to participate in the Creating Safe & sacred Places for Children and Youth training.

_____ No, I do not want my child to participate in the Creating Safe & sacred Places for Children and Youth training. I understand that if I refuse to allow my child to participate in this training session, I will receive a resource packet from the parish to help me educate my own child regarding these important issues.

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____

Date: _____