***PARENT LETTER***

[Parish Letterhead]

[Date]

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our commitment to the health and well-being of your children, we will be providing important information about personal body safety to your children. As you may recall, the Diocese of Wilmington implemented the *Keeping Our Promises* *Curriculum* in response to the 2002 Dallas Charter. These lessons provide age appropriate instruction about personal safety and safe environments to students in Parish Religious Education Programs.

The Diocese of Wilmington has partnered with Prevent Child Abuse Delaware to revise the current *Keeping Our Promises* *Curriculum* for Parish Religious Education Programs. These lessons will be presented within the context of the teachings of our Catholic Faith and utilize discussion and interactive activities that focus on learning about the difference between secrets and surprises, the different kinds of touches, identifying safe people, private places, and other personal safety rules.

The *Keeping Our Promises Curriculum* will be presented on [*date*] for *[Age, grade, class]* for *[Parish Name].* Parents are welcome to attend. The lessons are posted online for review at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org).

Research shows the best way for children to remember and to use the ideas that are taught, is for them to be able to talk about and use these skills regularly at home and in the community. Follow-up information and suggested activities will be sent home with your child(ren). This information includes the topics discussed during class, activities to do together, and ideas about how you can help reinforce this material with your child.

Thank you for supporting our efforts. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at [phone number]. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Cc: *[Pastor’s Name]*