(Parish or School Letter Head)

(Date)

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that in partnership with the Diocese of Lansing, we are adopting a new program for the safety of our children. The **kNOw** Program is designed to equip children, parents/guardians, schools and parishes with the tools to “**kNOw**” how to identify, thwart, and report harmful behavior.

This program relies on the fundamental truth that each child is created and loved by God Himself and deserves to be safe and cared for. This is a *life skill* for our children.

Using methods developed by Mr. Fred Rogers, a great child educator of our time, and endorsed by physicians at the University of Michigan, The **kNOw** Program delivers life lessons about safety, respect, and empowerment in an accessible and trustworthy way to both children and adults.

One important *key ingredient* of The **kNOw** Program that sets us apart from all the other programs is the adult participation; the key adults in children’s lives. To keep our children safe and deter predators, we must educate adults in how to identify and respond to signs of abuse and reports of harm. Because of this, children and their parents/guardians will participate together in The **kNOw** Program. We will offer training sessions based on grade levels:

**Kindergarten - 2nd Grade6th - 8th Grade (male)**

**3rd - 5th Grade 6th - 8th Grade (female)**

You will receive detailed information regarding how we will administer this program and live sessions. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call or email (insert name, title, and contact information).

We remain committed to the protection our parish families through a quality safe environment program and are looking forward to your participation and support.

Sincerely,

(Pastor Signature)

Pastor Name

(DRE Signature)

DRE Name

Or

(Principal Signature)

Principal Name