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” equips children, parents, 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 and deserves to be safe,” says Bishop Boyea. “As adults, we must protect all of our children.”

Using methods developed by the revered children’s educator Fred Rogers and endorsed by physicians at the University of Michigan, “The kNOw Program” delivers lessons about safety, respect, and empowerment in an accessible and trustworthy way to both children and adults.

Unlike other safe-environment programs, ours involves 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 or guardians will participate together in “The kNOw Program. We will offer training sessions based on grade level: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 (male), and 6-8 (female).

To accommodate busy schedules and families with multiple children, we will schedule a variety of times for these sessions. We will share these details soon. In the meantime, please direct questions to (insert name, title, and contact information).

We look forward to your support and participation in this essential program for children and our parish families.

Sincerely,

Pastor

DRE/Principal