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TO: Pastors, Principals, DRE's and Youth Ministers

**RE: *Called to Protect* training plan for 2016-17 and 2017-18 ministry years**

Greetings,

*Called to Protect* training is an essential part of our promotion of a safe environment for the children and young people in our care. Please use the following guidelines for your children and youth safe environment training plan for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 ministry years.

- **Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** the three lesson plans for each grade provided in the Praesidium *Called to Protect* materials binder is taught every year.
- **6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth:** the *Called to Protect* three-part video series is required each year.
- **Parent information meetings** must be offered each year for those parents that have not attended in a previous year. Parents only need to attend one parent information meeting.

**Supplemental Lesson Plans for 2016 – 2017**

- 7th/8th Grade - Supplemental Lesson – *Media & Culture*
- 10th/11th/12th Grade - Supplemental Lesson - *Healthy Boundaries in Dating Relationships*

**Supplemental Lesson Plans for 2017 – 2018**

- 7th/8th Grade - Supplemental Lesson – *Human Dignity*
- 10th/11th/12th Grade - Supplemental Lesson - *Healthy Boundaries in Electronic Media*

The supplemental lesson plans for middle school and high school are available on the diocesan website: *Protection of Children* webpage: [http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection\\_of\\_children.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm). They can also be made available via email or postal mail by calling the diocesan office.

**For those parishes that have not yet provided training,** the Praesidium *Called to Protect* three-part video series provided in the materials binder must be taught **to all middle and high school youth (grades 6 – 12)**.

**Individuals facilitating training for middle and high school youth must certified by a certified trainer. Please contact the chancery office if you have any questions or are in need of training.**

By following these guidelines we will maintain alignment in all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Baker. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule assistance for your *Called to Protect* training, please call David O'Neill or myself at (541) 388-4004.

In Christ,

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