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Training for Children and Youth:

In addition to the Safe Environment Religious Education Curriculum lessons that have been used the past few years, this year we are offering another option. We are adopting the Safe Environment dvds that have been created by the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota. The dvd for Grades K-5 is entitled "Strong Voices, Smart Choices: How to Honor Your Instinct to Stay Safe," and the dvd for Grades 6 and up is entitled "Personal Power: A Gut Check on Safety." A guide for discussion with the students accompanies each dvd.

Because only dioceses could order dvds prior to August 1, I placed an order on July 21 for DREs who had informed me they wanted a set for their program. Now that August 1 has passed, any individual may order a set of dvds on their own. Here is the website:

<http://www.stclouddiocese.org/about/safe-environment/safetyvideos/>.

I have created a log sheet for catechists/teachers and a report form for DREs and Principals that includes both use of the safety dvd or the Safe Environment Religious Education Curriculum lessons. These forms are on the Safe Environment website under the Safe Environment Religious Education tab.