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My Dear People:

In accord with the United States Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, a primary mandate for each diocese is the creation of a "safe environment" for our children and young people. In addition to the implementation of the *Protecting God's Children* program in June 2003 that trains adults to be aware and vigilant of the dangers and signs of child sexual abuse, in 2006 I mandate that all students in our parish schools of religion and Catholic schools be educated as well to recognize potential areas of danger and how to react to dangerous situations.

For academic year 2006-2007 our parish schools of religion implemented the use of Child Protection Catechesis. Our Catholic schools implemented the Safe Environment Religious Education Curriculum. Due to the positive reviews I received of the Safe Environment Religious Curriculum, I have decided to promulgate its use in all of our parish schools of religion as well.

Therefore, beginning academic year 2007-2008, all students in our parish schools of religion and Catholic schools will be educated through the Safe Environment Religious Education Curriculum.

Given this 1st day of May 2007.

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