PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

June 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

The Diocese of La Crosse has mandated that all parents of students preschool through 12th grade attending the St. Joseph Religious Education Program must acknowledge offering of the booklets listed below and agree with the policies developed by the Diocese of La Crosse:

- Child Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures of the Diocese of La Crosse
- Policy & Procedures on Sexual Misconduct for the Diocese of La Crosse

If your children will attend St. Joseph Religious Education this fall, Vacation Bible School, or Sunday preschool, the enclosed Safe Environment Education Acknowledgement or Waiver must be signed for your child to attend. You can sign either as "attend" or "decline".

This information is available online at www.stjosephprescott.com. Click on Rel. Education and on the right side you will see a link for the Safe Environment Policy. You can view both the booklet and video using the links provided there. If you do not have internet access, please contact me, as the booklets and video are also available in the Religious Education Office.

Safe Environment Training for children at age appropriate levels will be integrated into the curriculum through the year.

<u>Return the form printed on the back of this letter signed by one or both parents or guardians from each family.</u>

Please let us know if you have any questions. Again, our web site is <u>www.stjosephprescott.com</u> (click on Rel. Education).

Sincerely,

Carol Mercord Director of Relgious Education St. Joseph Parish

*** Form on back of this letter to be returned ***

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR WAIVER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

I (we), _____, acknowledge that the Diocese of La Crosse has offered me and my child safe environment education as mandated by the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and by the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of La Crosse.

I (we) have attended the Safe Environment Education Training.

Signature

Date _____

OR

I (we) decline the Safe Environment Education Training.

Signature _____

Date _____