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Dear Parent,

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002, requires parishes and schools to provide formation for children in the areas of safety and the integrity of their persons. To assist our families with this important task, the Diocese Of Rockford has developed the “Diocese of Rockford Formation in Christian Chastity and Safe Environment Program,” using as a principal source *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The program is offered as part of our commitment to create and maintain a safe environment for our children and to instruct them in the integrity of their persons.

You have the right to choose whether your child participates in the classroom lessons. For grades 1 – 8, sometime between January 17th and February 17th, your child’s Religion teacher will present a lesson on chastity. For grades 1, 3, 5, and 8, your child’s religion teacher will also present a lesson on safe environment. To learn more about the program, please go to

- www.ceorockford.org
- Go to home page of Department of Educational Services
- Click on Child Safety on right side of top bar
- Go to the grade level(s) of your child(ren) to review information.

If you decide that you do not want your child/ren to participate, please complete the opt out form and return it to the school office by Monday, January 9th, 2012.

Thank you.

Joseph J. Battisto

Opt Out Form

Check One

_____ I do not want my child(ren) to receive instruction in

(Check One or Both) _____ Christian Chastity (Grade 1 – 8)

_____ Safe Environment (Grade 1, 3, 5, & 8)

I intend to provide the training for my child.

_____ I do not want my child(ren) to receive instruction in

(Check One or Both) _____ Christian Chastity (Grade 1 – 8)

_____ Safe Environment (Grade 1, 3, 5, & 8)

I do not plan to provide the training for my child.

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Please return to school office by Monday – January 9th, 2012