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My Dear Friends:

I am pleased to announce the continuation of the programs, listed below, for training our children in both parishes and schools on ways to help keep themselves safe.

"Talking about Touching", used for pre-K through third grade, is a program written and marketed by Committee on Children. We believe it is the leading experience based program of its kind and have used it successfully since 2008. It is a general safety program, taught in the classroom by our teachers and catechists.

In grades four through twelve, thanks to our friends at Shield the Vulnerable, a service of Law Room, Inc., we now offer a different course for each grade level. We ask that these courses be overviewed by the teacher/catechist with the class, then the student takes the course online on their own, preferably with the help of their parents. When all have completed the course, the teacher/catechist is asked to provide a closure session, summarizing the major points, and offering an opportunity for questions and comments.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Safety Smarts for Kids	4
Block the Bully	5
Be Safe, Stay Safe	6
Bullying, Not Cool	7
Digital Citizenship	8
Teen Safety	9
Dating Abuse	10
Cyber Safety	11
You're Legal, What Now?.....	12

We continue to affirm parents as the first educators of their children. All of the programs listed above offer opportunities for parental involvement.

Thank you for all that you do to implement these programs and to keep our children safe.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco