

**TO:** Principal

FROM: Shawna McMahon

Safe Environment Program Coordinator

**DATE:** August 7, 2009

**RE:** Called to Protect Trainers

If you do not already have certified *Called to Protect* trainer available in your school, please identify someone who will be able to attend a *Train-the-trainer* session this year. There are four sessions scheduled; the schedule and application are enclosed.

Having a *Called to Protect* Trainer will assist you meeting the Safe Environment training requirements for your school. After attending a two-day certification, they will be prepared to facilitate:

- Called to Protect for Ministries
- Called to Protect for Parents & Families
- Called to Protect for Youth

Every school should have a *Called to Protect* trainer in their school or parish community.

If you have any questions, please call the Safe Environment Office at (206) 274-3188.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protection all God's children!



## **Archdiocese of Seattle**Safe Environment Program

## Called to Protect Trainers

If your parish or school community does not already have a certified *Called to Protect* Trainer in your community, please identify someone to attend an upcoming *Called to Protect: Train-the-Trainer* session.

No particular educational background is needed to be a *Called to Protect* Trainer. Successful trainers may include clergy, religious, employees, volunteers or parishioners, but they all share a commitment to protecting children. Teachers, counselors, case workers or health care professionals also make great trainers.

Approved trainers will participate in a two-day Train-the-Trainer certification that will prepare them to lead any of the *Called to Protect* trainings in parishes, schools or other archdiocesan agencies.

Qualities of a Successful Safe Environment Trainer:

- → Comfortable speaking/presenting in public
- Level headed when under stress
- → Emotionally and psychologically stable
- Compassionate towards others
- Reasonably objective about sexual abuse
- Comfortable discussing sexual issues
- Able to maintain confidentiality
- Motivated to participate in the program
- Current with Safe Environment training
- Willing to attend training updates

There are four *Called to Protect: Train-the-Trainer* sessions this year. All sessions are two-day classes (9:30am-4:30pm) and participants must complete both days in their entirety. Cost of training is paid for by the Archdiocese of Seattle. Lunch will be provided.

September 11 and 18, 2009 (Fridays)
October 5 and 12, 2009 (Mondays)
December 8 and 15, 2009 (Tuesdays)
February 2 and 9, 2010 (Tuesdays)

\*\*All trainers must obtain an endorsement from the Pastor, Priest Administrator, Pastoral Coordinator or Principal who must also sign the application. Clergy who wish to become trainers must obtain prior approval from Archbishop Brunett.\*\*

Any individual interested in becoming a trainer for *Called To Protect* can fill out the enclosed application and return it *one week before the start date of the training to:* 

Archdiocese of Seattle Safe Environment Program 710 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

You may also fax your application to: (206) 382-4267.

For more information, visit the Safe Environment Program online at: <a href="www.seattlearch.org/sep/">www.seattlearch.org/sep/</a>
Or call (206) 274-3188 or (800) 261-4749.



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2009-10 Called to Protect Trainer Application

Please print: Name Address/PO Box State Zip City Home Phone E-mail Cell Phone Work Phone Which session would you like to attend? ☐ September 11 & 18, 2009 ☐ October 5 & 12, 2009 ☐ December 8 & 15, 2009 ☐ February 2 & 9, 2010 Parish School Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a: 

Employee (Title)

Volunteer ☐ Parent/Community Member Why are you interested in being a Trainer for the Safe Environment Program? Describe your public speaking/facilitation experience. What other skills, certifications or experience do you have that would help you to be an effective SEP trainer? Are you able to handle emotional situations without becoming emotionally involved yourself? If ves, describe how and/or experience in doing so. How comfortable are you discussing sexual misconduct and abuse? \*All applicants must receive an endorsement by Pastor, Priest Administrator, Pastoral Coordinator or Principal. Clergy who wish to become trainers must receive prior approval from Archbishop Brunett. **Applicants Signature** Date \*Endorsement Signature Date