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TO: Pastors, Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers and Principals

Dear pastors, DREs, youth ministers and principals,

As you know, this year we began a new aspect of the EIM program, Called to Protect for Youth. In last month's mailing from the diocesan offices you received information on how to request a session for your middle school and high school students. (You may also find this information on our diocesan Web site at <http://www.austindiocese.org/dept/eim/youth.php>.)

We need individuals who can present this program in our parishes and schools. About 30 of our trainers who present the adult workshop, Protecting God's Children, are available to do this. While they are extremely dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, we also realize that we have thousands of young people who will need to attend the sessions.

Individuals who are degreed or licensed in mental health or social work professions can present this program, after completing a five-hour training. Would you ask a few people in your parish or school to consider becoming a Called to Protect for Youth trainer? School counselors or therapists who specialize in family or youth counseling would be naturals for this ministry. We have scheduled a training session on Oct. 27 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. There is no charge for the training, and they will be provided supper.

Those interested in being a trainer need to submit a one page resume and a letter of reference from their pastor before Oct. 15 to Helen Osman at helen-osman@austindiocese.org or P.O. Box 13327, Austin, TX 78711, or fax it to (512) 476-5341. They may contact either Helen Osman or Colleen Schiller at (512) 476-4888 for more information.

Thank you for your attention to this. Grateful for your ministry to God's people, I am,
Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Bishop of Austin