St. Christopher Roman Catholic Church and School

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February 7, 2018

Dear Parents:

The Diocese of Buffalo is continuing to work in compliance with all the directives of the **Charter of The Protection of Children and Young People** implemented by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2002. In addition to training all adult staff and volunteers that work with children, the Diocese of Buffalo is also training children in sexual abuse awareness.

Sexual abuse awareness training, mandated by the Diocese of Buffalo will be conducted at our school **by the St. Christopher** teachers on February 15. The training is a way for your child to learn to recognize and respond appropriately and assertively to issues such as improper touch tricks used by sexual predators, and internet safety. The lessons are taught every year at St. Christopher School.

Your child will **not** be exposed to specific sexual language or depictions of graphic situations. A copy of the **diocesan approved** lesson plan for your child's age group is on the web page under your children's grade level, for your review.

Parents are invited to discuss the content of this lesson plan prior to its implementation with their children. You may also contact our office should you wish to learn more about this topic to better equip yourself to respond to your child's questions.

If you do **NOT** wish for your child to participate, please sign the release below, detach it, and return it to school by February 14, 2018. An alternate educational opportunity will be provided for your child during that session.

Sincerely,
Miss Cindy Bryk
Principal

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILDS HOMEROOM TEACHER IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT THEM OUT BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14)

I ask that my child/children _____, be excused from attending Sexual Abuse Awareness session at St. Christopher School, on February 15, 2018. I understand that it is my responsibility as a parent under guidelines of the Catholic Church to do any such instruction myself.

Date:_____ Parent Signature: _____

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Child name grade homeroom

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