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To: All Volunteers/Employees

This letter is about training that you are required to take so that you may continue to work with our youth.

In June of 2002, Bishops throughout the United States signed the Charter for Protection of Children and Young People pledging to do everything they could to ensure that the children in your parish and school communities would be safe.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that clergy, employees, and volunteers who provide direct services to or have unsupervised contact with children complete training that helps them recognize child abuse, and understand why and how to report such abuse. This letter is about training that you are required to take so that you may continue to work with our youth.

We are offering this training on the Internet. It is a course on Child Abuse/Mandatory Reporting called *Shield the Vulnerable*. You can take the course when it's convenient for you. It's available any time of the day or night, and on any day of the week.

You don't have to complete the on-line training course at one sitting. You can log out of it whenever you want and when you log back in, it will take you back to the course page you were on when you logged off. When you complete the course, please print your **Certificate of Completion** as evidence that you have completed the training and provide a copy to your parish Safe Environment Coordinator so that you may be able to participate in events involving children.

It's important that you enroll in the course as soon as possible. To enroll, you need to get on the Internet then follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.shieldthevulnerable.org
2. Click the **Sign Up or Log In** button, then
3. Click the **Sign Up: First Time** to select **Diocese of Stockton**

Follow the registration instructions to get your personalized identification (ID) and Password. Your ID and Password are unique to you, and should not be used by anyone other than yourself. You will need both your ID and Password to begin the course, and to log in and out of the course should you need to. If you do log out, the next time you log in you will follow the same steps as 1 and 2 above, but will click on **Sign Up: Registered Users Only**.

If you have problems registering for the course or technical issues while taking your course, you should contact Shield the Vulnerable at 800-652-9546. If you should have any concerns or questions as you go through this training please call me at **209-463-1305**.

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