MEMORANDUM

In 2003, all dioceses in the United States were required to institute safe environment programs. One component of these programs, is training for all children and youth in Catholic Schools and parish Faith Formation programs.

In the past, training in the Diocese of Marquette included children in grades K-8. Many parishes did not have high school faith formation and for those parishes with high school youth ministry, it was decided to accept the Michigan Model taught in public schools as their training.

With Confirmation now in high school, parishes will continue to have, or will be re-establishing high school faith formation to prepare for the sacrament. It was decided to reassume our responsibility to train our youth ourselves, and more importantly, with training based on Catholic teaching. We will be using the high school component of the Formation in Christian Chastity program, whose elementary components are being used for our parish K-8 children.

Implementation is planned for fall 2016. Specifics on program implantation will be sent to faith formation coordinators and safe environment coordinators.