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Dear Holy Family Parish Leaders:

Holy Family of Nazareth Church is striving to provide a safe environment for all, especially for children and vulnerable adults. We have spent time, energy, and significant dollars to train and identify all those who are safely cleared to serve our parish.

We need the help of everyone to enforce our policy. There have been too many instances lately when children were on the campus without supervision. If children are physically with their parents, no other adult supervision is necessary. However, when parents are in one area and children are alone elsewhere, our policy must be enforced for their safety. I am asking *each* of you to assist me in honoring the policy, which states:

“A minimum of two cleared adults will be present at all times during Religious Education, TYM, after school care, and any other activity involving children or youth. A cleared adult is a cleric, staff member, or volunteer who has been screened in accordance with the requirements mandated by the Diocese of Dallas” Page 8

“Teen aides (youth, 13-16 years of age) will be permitted to assist in group activities. These teen aides do not satisfy the two (2) adult rule and the teens will be supervised at all times, by two CLEARED adults.” Page 5

This policy applies to EVERY event held on Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church property...ministry meetings, sporting events, parent meetings, Scouts, etc.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH OF US TO DO OUR PART TO EDUCATE AND TO ENFORCE OUR POLICY. Please inform those with whom you work/minister that there are NO EXCEPTIONS to children being supervised at all times, by two adults who have attended our Safe Environment Program, been screened and received a clear background check. Because I care deeply about the safety of all, it will be necessary for me to cancel an event if I discover unsupervised children on our grounds in the future.

“An event may be canceled at the discretion of the involved director or coordinator.” Page 9

Thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman
Pastor