

## REPORT TO THE PARISH REGARDING NEW SAFETY MINISTRY

I want to share with you that we have begun a Safety Program at Holy Family. In bringing this to your attention, it is not my desire to raise your anxiety, but to lower it. We have had no incidents at Holy Family but prudence dictates that we do all that is reasonable to ensure our safety. It is important for you to know that we have over 2,500 families and over 1,100 young persons in our Religious Education Program, and our Junior Youth and Life Teen ministries. We also have 90 plus pre-school students in our Learning Center. Given that we are a Church, we have an open campus.

I especially want to express gratitude to Mr. Moose Moore, safety being his specialization, for being instrumental in suggesting and helping us carry out our safety program. Moose and his wife Corinne are long standing members of our parish.

Our Safety Program is composed of 3 key components. The first is a Security Assessment. Moose Moore and his associate conducted a security assessment of our entire campus in December 2015. We are currently addressing each point of the security assessment. To date, we have added additional video security cameras to those already in place and we now have a one way intercom system from our Religious Education office to the Religious Education classrooms.

The second component is that we have contracted with off duty Brentwood Police persons to have an officer present at each of our weekend Masses. The benefit is two-fold: this will help us with traffic flow as well as safety during Masses by having them patrol our campus parking lot.

The third component is our Angel Watch Ministry. We are asking members of our parish, both men and women, to participate. This ministry consists of two persons at each weekend Mass and during Religious Education classes conducting a walk-through covering our entire facility. At weekend Masses these persons will also work in conjunction with our Ushers to address any medical or other emergencies. We are in need of additional persons for this ministry. If you are interested, please call our parish office.

Thank You.

Fr. Joe