

Breaking the Silence!

Safe Environment Education for our Teens

Sunday, March 7th
or
Sunday, March 14th



*This year you have
2 days to choose from!*

*See the options and call the
Confirmation office.*

In compliance with the Safe Environment Education directive from the diocese, we will be presenting the “Breaking the Silence” program created especially for teens. This *personal safety education* is meant to protect them.

Featured in the DVD presentation are a group of teens that share concerns & opinions about sexual abuse. They speak candidly & bring up a number of specific questions that are discussion starters for the students who are watching the DVD.

Our presentation will include:

1. *watching the “Breaking the Silence” DVD*
2. *small group discussions led by our current Confirmation teachers & teacher assistants*
3. *The “Protecting Our Youth” brochures will be available for students .*
4. *These brochures are also available at the parish office. A copy of it is also posted in the Confirmation section of the church website for parents & teens to read before the meeting if you'd like.*

Your teen will be better informed and more aware of the dangers of sexual abuse after participating in BREAKING THE SILENCE which focuses on among other things, learning to trust one’s own instincts about inappropriate adult behavior that make a teens uncomfortable & also on reporting sexual abuse to authorities.

Dates:

Sunday, March 7th
or Sunday, March 14th

Time: 3 p.m.—4:45 p.m.
church Hall

OPTIONS– YOU MUST CHOOSE 1!

1. **Attend 1 of the 2 Sunday meetings.**
2. If your teen has already seen the “Breaking the Silence” DVD, at school or elsewhere have him/her take the online Teen Safety Course at: www.shieldthevulnerable.org -Print the certificate at the end & turn it in at the Confirmation office by Fri, March 12th.
3. **Sign the “Opt-Out” form & turn that in by March 12th.** That form is posted here on this section of the church website as well.

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