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Dear Mental Health Professionals,

A very happy and blessed New Year to you all! It is my hope that the Christmas season continues to bring great joy to you and yours.

On behalf of the Catholic Church here in northeast Wisconsin, I am writing today with an opportunity and an invitation for you to participate in a unique trauma recovery workshop.

**Friday, February 1  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.)  
Tundra Lodge - 865 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay**

In light of the clergy abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, I asked Catholic Charities to research training programs to educate diocesan leaders and area mental health professionals on the topic of trauma recovery as it relates to such abuse and finding a way toward healing. Victim/survivors of sexual abuse, no matter who the perpetrator may be, need our love and support as they journey through their pain to a place of healing.

With that said, I am happy to share that Trauma Recovery Associates (TRA), of Portage, MI, will present this workshop. TRA is comprised of mental health professionals with expertise in treating adult survivors of childhood abuse and neglect. The workshop introduces licensed mental health professionals to core concepts of the internationally recognized Trauma Model proposed by Dr. Colin Ross, MD. This training will enable you to:

- Explain the core clinical concepts of the Trauma Model
- Identify attachment ambivalence and the locus of control shift in the lives of trauma survivors
- Explain the process of forgiveness and its place in trauma recovery

The link for registration is [www.gbdioc.org/TraumaRecoveryFeb](http://www.gbdioc.org/TraumaRecoveryFeb). The program is being offered free of charge by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay, in conjunction with Trauma Recovery Associates. CEUs will also be offered for this workshop. Please see the enclosed brochure for details. Any questions can be directed to Ted Phernetton, Catholic Charities Director at 920-272-8226.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL  
Bishop of Green Bay