



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection has compiled a number of resources to use this month which is designated Child Abuse Prevention Month. These resources were designed for use at the parish level during the month of April and can easily be duplicated and distributed to your parishes and schools.

New this year is a Healing Prayer Service in both English and Spanish, new articles written by SEC or VAC on a variety of topics, and information on Human Trafficking from the Office of Migration and Refugee Services of the USCCB. They also have some of the items that they have had in the past. If you choose to utilize the resources, please let me know so that I can include your actions in this year's audit. Also if you choose to do a Healing Prayer Service or a Liturgy and would like for me to attend, let me know.

Available Online Resources

- Did You Know...? ([English](#) | [Spanish](#))
- [Charter-related articles written by diocesan SECs and VACs which reflect the efforts of the Church.](#)
- [Twelve Things Bishops Have Learned from the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis](#) – Bishop Blase Cupich
- [Ten Things Victims/Survivors Taught Us](#) – Ms. Diane Knight
- [Liturgy Resource Guide](#) (bullet thoughts, songs, sample intercessions)
- Sample Healing Prayer Service ([English/Spanish](#))
- [Blessing of a Victim of Crime or Oppression](#)
- [Migration and Refugee Services Brochure on Human Trafficking](#)
- [Sample letter to Knights of Columbus inviting them to participate in Take 25 activity](#)
- [Information from US Dept of Health and Human Services – Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- SCYP Materials:
 - ◇ [Child Abuse Prevention Blessing](#)
 - ◇ Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal Prayer Cards ([English](#) | [Spanish](#))
 - ◇ [Promise to Protect/Pledge to Heal Prayer Brochure](#)
 - ◇ Rosary Guide for Healing and Protection: Online Versions ([English/Spanish](#))/ Printable Booklet Version ([English/Spanish](#))
- [A Canonical Perspective on the Sexual Abuse Crisis](#)



Many other resources are available, so follow the link below. To access the child abuse awareness resources from the homepage, click on Child Abuse Prevention Month.

www.usccb.org/ocyp

How Can I Help to Stop Child Abuse?

Use the Articles as bulletin inserts or in weekly school letters. Plan a Healing Service or Liturgy. Utilize the Intercessions and Songs. Plan a Take 25 activity. Enforce the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Possibilities are endless...you are only limited by your imagination!