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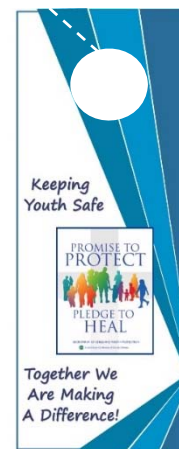


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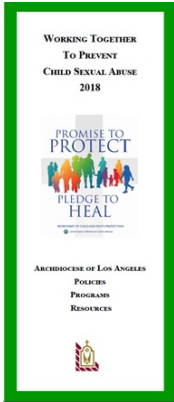
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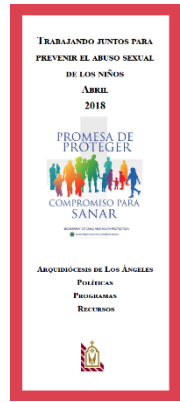
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ORDER FORMS

2018 “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse” Brochure



Available for Free in English and Spanish

The new 2018 “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse” brochure contains an introductory letter from Archbishop José H. Gomez and current information about the Safe Environment Offices, Programs, Resources, Policies and Procedures. This new brochure should be distribute to all parish/school staff, parishioners, parents, volunteers, etc., during the Month of April. Copies should also be available in the vestibule of each church.

Please discard all 2017 brochures immediately.

Order Form

To Order email to: Brenda bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org
or Fax to: (213) 637-6681

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Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (English)

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Trabajando Juntos Para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual (Spanish)

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(For more information, call the Office of Safeguard the Children (213) 637-7508)

March 31-April 1

DID YOU KNOW?

You can support the Archdiocese's *Keeping Kids Safe Campaign*

In celebration of National Child Abuse Prevention, the Office of Safeguard the Children is offering the 2018 Prevent Child Abuse Resource Packet. This year's packet includes "Keeping Kids Safe" pinwheel stickers, decorations and children's activities as well as informative articles to help parents and other caring adults learn about how to protect our children and youth. Through this campaign, we hope to provide another opportunity to transform awareness into action as we affirm every child's right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. For more information, visit:

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

¿SABÍA USTED?

Puede apoyar la *Campaña Manteniendo a los Niños Seguros de la Arquidiócesis*

En celebración de la Prevención Nacional del Abuso de Niños, la Oficina de Protección de los Niños está ofreciendo el Paquete 2018 de Recursos para Prevención del Abuso de Niños. El paquete de este año de "Keeping Kids Safe" ("Manteniendo a los Niños Seguros") incluye la calcomanía en forma de molino decoraciones y actividades para niños y también artículos informativos para ayudar a los padres y guardianes aprender sobre cómo proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes. A través de esta campaña, nosotros esperamos proveer otra oportunidad para transformar la conciencia en acción al afirmar el derecho de cada niño a una vida llena de esperanza, salud y felicidad. Para más información, visite:

<http://www.laarchdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

April 7-8

DID YOU KNOW?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or www.archla.org/vam for help and support.

¿SABÍA USTED?

La Arquidiócesis sigue ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el mes de la Prevención Nacional del Abuso de Niños, la Arquidiócesis quiere reiterar que sigue comprometida a ayudar a los sobrevivientes y a sus familias a sanar y encontrar la paz. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce, es una víctima de abuso sexual por un empleado de la Iglesia o un voluntario, comuníquese para ayuda y apoyo con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas, de la Arquidiócesis, al (213) 637-7650 o www.archla.org/vam.

April 14-15

DID YOU KNOW?

Pray for the healing of abuse victims

Each of us, as members of our Catholic community, can contribute to the healing of those harmed by abuse by remembering survivors in our prayers:

Mindful that Jesus' resurrection transforms all who believe, we as church embrace our shared responsibility to protect our children and youth, and to ensure that they grow up knowing they are safe and loved. In solidarity with those victims who have endured the pain of abuse, we re-dedicate ourselves to their healing by increasing our own awareness and understanding, by contributing to the safe environment and practices of our church, and by extending our efforts out into the world.

For specific information on how you can make the world a safer place for children and youth please visit: www.archla.org/protecting.

¿SABÍA USTED?

Ore por la sanación de las víctimas de abuso

Cada uno de nosotros, como miembros de nuestra comunidad católica, podemos contribuir a la sanación de los que fueron heridos por el abuso recordando a los sobrevivientes en nuestras oraciones:

Conscientes de que la resurrección de Jesús transforma a todos los que creen, nosotros, como iglesia, aceptamos nuestra responsabilidad compartida de proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes, y asegurarnos de que crezcan sabiendo que son seguros y amados. En solidaridad con aquellas víctimas que han sufrido el dolor del abuso, nos re-dedicamos a la sanación en creciendo nuestra propia conciencia y comprensión, contribuyendo al ambiente seguro y las prácticas de nuestra iglesia, y extendiendo nuestros esfuerzos hacia el mundo.

Para obtener información específica sobre cómo puedes hacer el mundo un lugar más seguro para niños y jóvenes, visite: www.archla.org/protecting.

April 21-22

DID YOU KNOW?

2018 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children annually publishes the *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of the policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information on how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2018 brochures are available in the parish vestibule or visit:

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

¿SABÍA USTED?

El Folleto 2018 Trabajando Juntos para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual de los Niños

La Oficina de Protegiendo a los Niños publica anualmente el folleto *Trabajando Juntos Para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual De Niños*, que provee una lista actualizada de políticas, programas, recursos, números de contacto y otra importante información sobre cómo la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles está trabajando para prevenir el abuso sexual de niños. Copias del folleto del 2018 están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la parroquia o visite:

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

April 28-29

DID YOU KNOW?

Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training

Article 12 of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* calls for all dioceses to maintain “safe environment programs.” Through the VIRTUS® child sexual abuse prevention programs, the Archdiocese continues to fulfill this commitment. Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained 329,000 adults to *proactively* protect children and young people from child sexual abuse, and has empower more than 1.4 million children and young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit www.archla.org/protecting.

¿SABÍA USTED?

Entrenamiento continuo sobre prevención del abuso sexual de niños

El Artículo 12 de los Obispos de la Conferencia Católica de los Estados Unidos *Estatuto para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes* llama para que todas las diócesis mantengan “programas para un ambiente seguro.” A través de VIRTUS® programas de prevención del abuso sexual de niños, la Arquidiócesis continúa cumpliendo este compromiso. Desde 2002, la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles ha entrenado a 329,000 adultos para *proactivamente* proteger a los niños y jóvenes contra el abuso sexual de niños, y ha capacitado a más de 1.4 millones niños y jóvenes para protegerse ellos mismos contra el abuso sexual.

Para más información, visite www.archla.org/protecting

[2018 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PETITIONS \(For the Month of April\)](#)

Week of April 1st (Easter Sunday)

As we acknowledge National Child Abuse Prevention Month... (pause) we ask that our God of endless love may grant us strength, courage and wisdom to protect all children from abuse of any kind. We pray to the Lord.

En celebración del Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Niños... (pausa) le pedimos a nuestro Dios de amor infinito que nos conceda fuerza, valor y sabiduría para proteger a todos los niños del abuso. Oremos al Señor.

Week of April 7th & 8th

As we mark the 16th Anniversary of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”... (pause) we ask that we may all be firm in the promise to protect and help heal those children wounded by abuse that they may find peace of body, mind and spirit. We pray to the Lord.

Al conmemorar el 16° Aniversario de los Estatutos para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes... (pausa) pedimos que todos seamos firmes en la promesa de proteger y ayudar a sanar a los niños heridos por el abuso para que puedan encontrar la paz de cuerpo, mente y espíritu. Oremos al Señor.

Week of April 14th & 15th

We join Pope Francis in his prayer for victims of child abuse ...(pause) we humbly ask for the courage to acknowledge and repair past injustices, may God give us the strength to remain faithful in the work of protecting those most vulnerable. We pray to the Lord.

Nos unimos a nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Francisco en su oración por las víctimas del abuso de niños...(pausa) pedimos humildemente por la valentía en reconocer y reparar las injusticias del pasado, que Dios nos dé la fuerza para permanecer fieles en el trabajo de proteger a los más vulnerables. Oremos al Señor.

Week of April 21st & 22nd

For those who have been educated to protect our children and young people from sexual abuse...(pause) may they have open hearts to always be guided by the hand of God. We pray to the Lord.

Para aquellos que han sido educados para proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes del abuso sexual ... (pausa) que tengan corazones abiertos para ser guiados siempre por la mano de Dios. Oremos al Señor.

Week of April 28th & 29th

For the Church,...(pause) that we may dedicate ourselves to the care, nurture, and protection of all God’s children. We pray to the Lord.

Para la Iglesia,...(pausa) que nos dediquemos al cuidado, la fortaleza y la protección de todos los niños de Dios. Oremos al Señor.

LITURGY IDEAS

Following are some ideas that you can use during the month of April to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention month at the liturgies at your parish.

- #1.** Light a special candle on the altar during every liturgy in the month of April and announce that it is a prayerful reminder of victims/survivors of child abuse around the world.
- #2.** Order prayer cards for the congregation and then begin all of the liturgies one weekend in April by lighting the candle and saying the new “2015 Prayer for Healing”.



A Prayer for Healing (English)



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Una Oración de Sanación (Spanish)



Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado.

Concedéndonos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia.

Sopla tu sabiduría u la gracia, para actuar con justicia.

Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso encuentren paz y justicia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

Amén.

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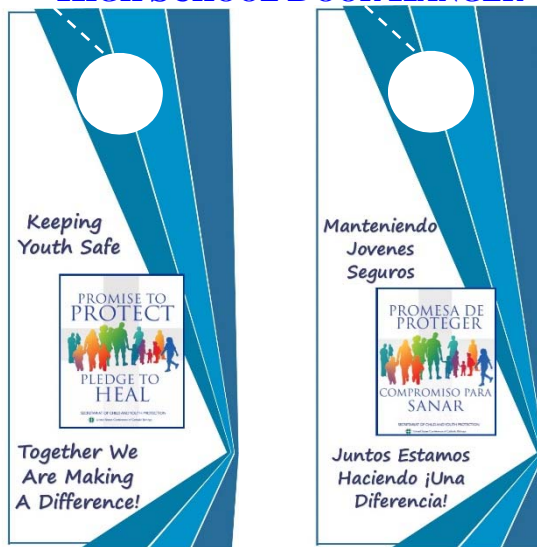
**2018 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
NEW DOOR HANGERS**

ELEMENTARY DOOR HANGER



Pinwheel Door Hanger (Eng/Span)

HIGH SCHOOL DOOR HANGER



Promise to Protect Door Hanger (Eng/Span)

To Order email: bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org
or fax to: (213) 637-6681

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**PINWHEEL DOOR HANGER
(DOUBLE-SIDED)
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QUANTITY:

**PROMISE TO PROTECT DOOR HANGER
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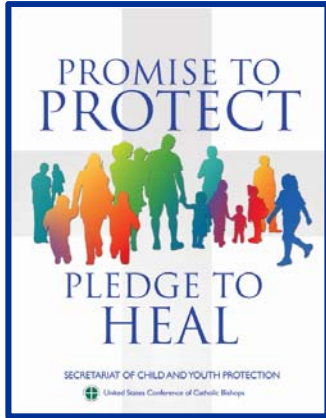
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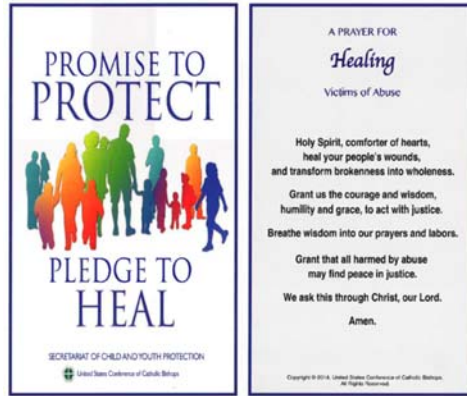
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**2018 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
POSTERS / PRAYER CARDS ORDER FORM**



Poster



Prayer Card

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POSTER
“PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL”
(English / Spanish Two – sided Poster - 15”x10”)
(The first two posters are free; additional copies are \$1.00 ea.)

QUANTITY:

PRAYER CARD
“Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal”
(Available in English and Spanish: \$0.10 ea.)

QUANTITY:

English:

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Keeping Kids Safe Activities

2018 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PINWHEEL STICKER



Pinwheel Sticker

To Order email: bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org
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Date: _____

Ordered By: _____ Phone: _____

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PINWHEEL STICKER
“Keeping Kids Safe Sticker”
(Must be ordered by roll @ 6.00 per roll of 100)

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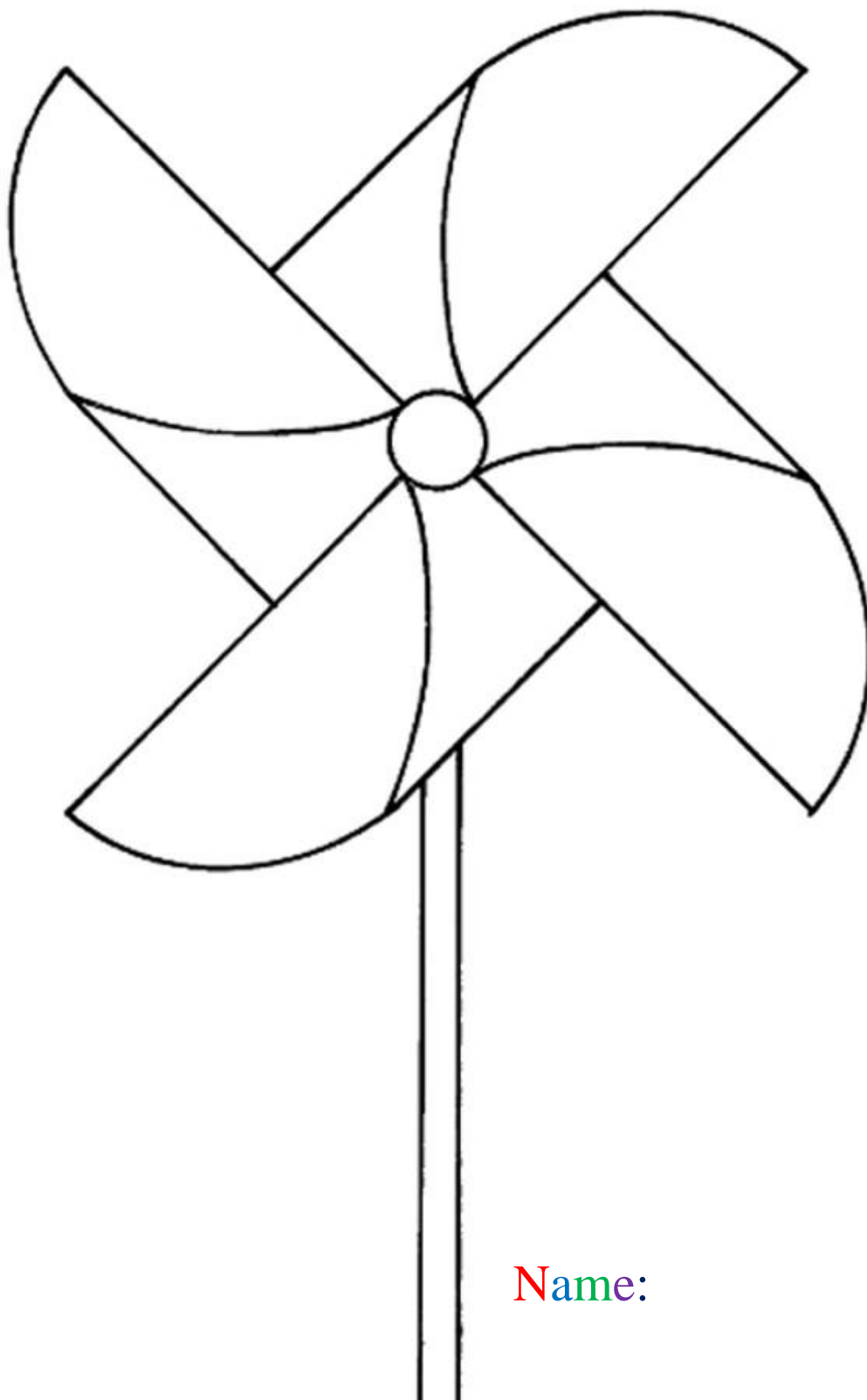
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Keeping Kids Safe

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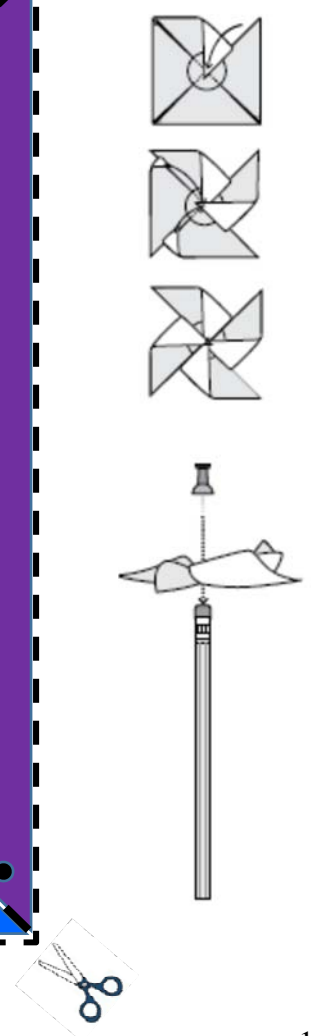
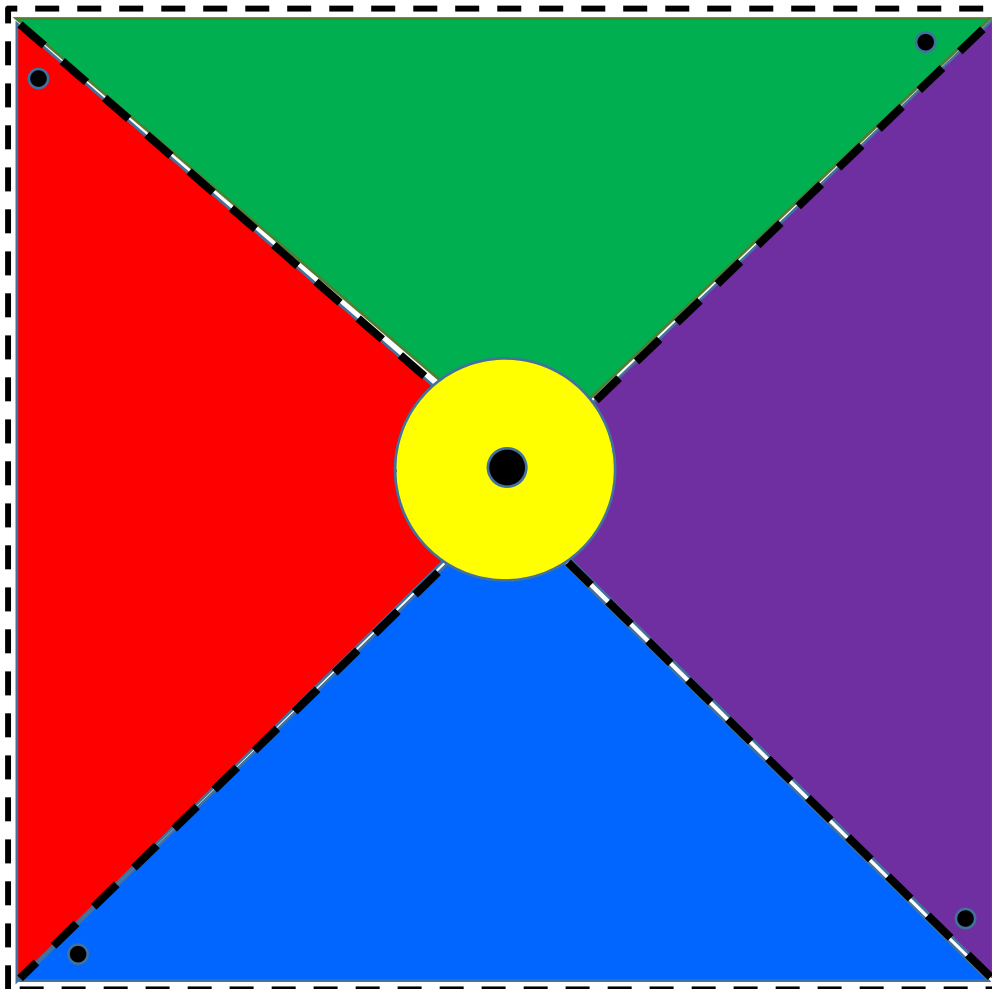
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Keeping Kids Safe

Pinwheel Template

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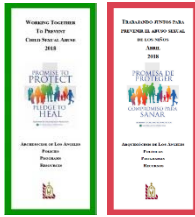
1. Cut out the pinwheel. Then cut along the diagonal, dashed lines.
2. Use the pushpin to poke holes in the center of the pinwheel and in the four corners. Twist the pin to make the holes smooth. This will help your pinwheel spin.
3. Stick the pushpin through each of the corner holes, through the center hole, then into the top of the pencil eraser. (See drawing.)
4. Let your child blow the pinwheel. Watch it spin! Ask: What do you notice? What is making pinwheel spin? Can you make it spin faster? Slower? Can you make it spin in the opposite direction? How?



Pinwheel Cutout Decorations



ADDITIONAL CELEBRATION IDEAS FOR PARISHES/SCHOOLS



- Distribute 2018 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochures to all Catholic Schools and Religious Education Parents
- Order the 2018 Promise to Protect – Pledge to Heal Posters and display around the parish vestibule and in the school. (Page 1)



- Distribute Keeping Kids Stickers to all the Catholic Schools/Religious Education Children on an assigned day during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April and decorate bulletin boards and other display areas with the Pinwheel Cut out Decorations and Pencil Pinwheels. (Pages 3 – 5)



- Have a **“Keep Kids Safe” table** after every Mass one weekend in April:
 - Decorate with Pinwheels and Posters.
 - Give Working Together brochures, Keeping Kids Safe stickers, prayer cards, and VIRTUS® Bulletins, etc.
 - Publish, “Did You Know?” Bulletin Announcements



- *St. John the Evangelist* holds a month of activities, including a Walk-a-Thon after the noon Mass with participants holding signs and carrying specially-ordered reusable bags imprinted with the words, “Keeping Kids Safe.” They also sponsor an Art Contest, Essay Contest and have a closing Tea. *This “month they will be holding a “Keeping Kids Safe” Free Community Information Fair. (See attached flyer)*



- *St. Alphonsus Church* held a living rosary with children from the school and the Religious Education program praying for the prevention of child abuse as well as for survivors of abuse.



- Many parishes and schools also have a Keep Kids Safe Booth at their annual Fiesta or Carnival. Child Abuse Prevention resources are available from the Office of Safeguard the Children throughout the year!

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND BLESSINGS

Recognition of Safeguard /VIRTUS Leadership and Blessing

One weekend in April, have the Safeguard the Children Parish Committee Chair or priest ask the following people to please stand up to be recognized for their role in protecting children and young people:

- Members of the Safe Environment Committee (Ask some members to be at each Mass.)
- All the VIRTUS® Facilitators and Teaching Touching Safety Leadership Trainers
- All the Adults who have attended the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children for Adults
- All the Children or Young People who attended a Teaching Touching Safety or Good-Touch/Bad-Touch Program ®
- All Adults who have participated in the fingerprinting, or participated in other Safe Environment efforts

The priest then asks the congregation to raise their right hand and join in giving them a special blessing.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION BLESSING

Dear Lord,

We ask You to bless us “Your holy people” who have gathered to learn new ways to help stop child sexual abuse. Open our hearts to Your call to be the “eyes, ears and voice of children and young people everywhere.” Give us the vision and grace we need to fulfill the special “commitments” that each of us has made to “Protecting All God’s Children” in our homes, churches, schools and communities.

Amen.



Bendición para la Prevención del Abuso Sexual de Niños

Querido Señor,

Te pedimos que nos bendigas a “tu pueblo santo” quien se ha reunido a aprender nuevas formas para ayudar a poner fin al abuso sexual de niños. Abre nuestros corazones a Tu llamado para ser los “ojos, oídos y voz de los niños y adolescentes en todo lugar.” Danos la visión y gracias que necesitamos para cumplir con este “compromiso” especial que cada uno hemos hecho para “Proteger a Todos los Niños de Dios” en nuestros hogares, iglesias, escuelas, y comunidades.

Amen.

ABUSE ROSARY FOR HEALING AND PROTECTING



Organize a special **Rosary for Victims** during the month of April using the “USCCB Rosary Reflections” as a resource.

“Rosary for Healing and Protecting” Reflection Guide

As Coordinator of Victims Assistance Ministry for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, I am reminded every day to keep survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their families in prayer. Our survivors have taught us that the path to healing can be a long and arduous journey -- one on which, they need our continued support to sustain them! Each of us, as members of our Catholic community, can contribute to their healing by remembering in our prayers, all survivors of clergy abuse, as well as all survivors of childhood sexual abuse in our prayers.

A Prayer of Healing of Victims of Abuse is a powerful resource, as is the Rosary for Healing and Protection. Both can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/upload/rosary-guide-online.pdf>

The following is an example of a reflection from the Rosary’s Sorrowful Mystery, the Agony in the Garden:

“Many victims of child sexual abuse suffer in silence for years, wrestling alone with the agony of their memories and pain. We pray that the Church may always be a place where they can come to share their stories, be received in love and compassion, and be supported on the path to healing.”

Our office can provide you with an “*order of worship*” to accompany this Rosary! It is a beautiful and healing prayer service every parish can easily offer for those who have experienced any type of child abuse.

For counseling support, we periodically offer a trauma recovery program for persons who have experienced child abuse. It blends education about the effects of abuse and how to heal from the abuse with a spiritual format. Encourage those you may know to contact our office to find out about the support programs we offer.

For more information, contact Heather Banis, HBanis@la-archdiocese.org or call: (213) 637-7650