



Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People

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To: All Bishops and Eparchs

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Subject: Keeping Our Promise to Protect
SCYP Resources for April 2009: Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection has compiled for your consideration a number of resources to use this coming April which has been 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.

The following resources are available:

- Press Release
- Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal Prayer Brochure
- Bulletin Announcements
- Liturgy Guide in English and in Spanish
- *Charter*-related articles which reflect the efforts of the Church to reach out to victims of abuse and to protect children
- Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal Posters - two sided in English/Spanish
- Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal Poster – Spanish only
- Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal Prayer Card – English only
- Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal Prayer Cards- two sided in English/Spanish
- Blessing for the Victim of a Crime or Oppression
- Child Abuse Prevention Blessing
- An Order Form

This year, instead of mailing the resource packet to all dioceses/eparchies, the materials are being sent electronically. They are also available on the Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection webpage: <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/resources.shtml>.

This announcement is also being sent electronically to all diocesan/eparchial Safe Environment Coordinators and Communications Directors with the goal of facilitating and encouraging each diocese and eparchy to develop a coordinated campaign for this important effort.

The Committee is committed to updating and sharing this annual resource to assist dioceses and eparchies fulfill our promise to protect children. I thank you and your staffs for your support of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and all you do to ensure the safety of children.