



# Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Executive Director

Dear colleagues,

Blessings on the New Year!

Last Sunday, I attended Mass at my local parish. The celebrant's homily on the Feast of Epiphany was simple: There is much grace to be received if one is open to the blessings of God, if one is open to the Truth and the Light. He then spoke about how a parishioner had shared with him that his son had been abused by a priest.

The celebrant's response to the parishioner was simple. He told him that the offender needs to be locked up. He also said, "do not let the offender have power over you. I'm sorry this happened but do not let what happened to you take away the fact that God loves you!"

May this New Year be that of revelation and manifestation.

May you be the face of Christ to those in need. May you always remember that God loves you!

Peace and all good things,

Deacon Bernie  
Executive Director

## Monthly Rosary for Healing and Protection

More than 23,000 people were reached during last month's [Rosary for Healing and Protection](#), which was streamed live on the USCCB [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. This month's Rosary will be held at the USCCB on Tuesday, January 23rd at 9:45am, and another will be held in February. The Diocese of Savannah will be streaming the Rosary on Wednesday, March 21 (time TBD). [Contact](#) the Secretariat if your diocese would like to join this prayer campaign by hosting a future Rosary. **Please share these opportunities to pray on your social media platforms and pray with us!**



CYP Community



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On the Web



## New Resources Available in the “Resource Toolbox”

The following resources can now be found in the Resource Toolbox ([SEC](#) | [VAC](#) | [DRB](#)) on the CYP Community. Please send additional resources to the Secretariat if you believe they would be helpful to others. (Please note: the inclusion of these resources does not grant endorsement by the Secretariat.)

- [Maria Goretti Network](#)
- [National Children’s Advocacy Center](#)
- [Diocesan Websites with Public Lists of Credibly Accused Priests](#) [SEC](#) | [VAC](#) | [DRB](#)
- [Centre for Child Protection](#)
- [San Diego Maltreatment Conference](#)

## 2018 CYPCLC Conference in New Orleans: New Website

There is a new website for the 2018 Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference in New Orleans. Visit the [website](#) for an updated conference schedule, a list of conference speakers, and registrations forms. If you are a new SEC or VAC, please check out the flyer at the end of this newsletter to learn more about the New SEC/VAC Workshop to be held on the first day of the conference.

## Future CYPCLC Hosts and Dates!

2019: Camden, March 24-27

2020: St. Paul and Minneapolis, TBD

2021: TBD

2022: Grand Rapids, June 5-8

## Child Abuse Prevention Month Resources

Each year, the Secretariat provides resources to dioceses to assist in the promotion of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. If you have resources that you would like to share with other dioceses, please [send](#) them to us to post on the CYP Community.

## Creating Cultures of Protection and Healing: HRO Training Update

The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph and the Eparchy of St. George in Canton recently participated in [HRO](#) training workshops conducted by the Secretariat. Later in January, the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Baton Rouge will also receive the training. These dioceses join Manchester, Columbus, and Gary as part of the steering committee who has been trained, and who continues to provide feedback on this training for use in other dioceses. For more information on the HRO training, please [contact](#) the Secretariat.



# NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT/VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

Attention all new (and newer - on the job 3 years or less) SEC's and VAC's! You are invited to attend an expanded one day workshop in New Orleans, prior to the annual Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference.

**When:** **Sunday, June 3, 2018**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm** (with time for lunch on your own)

**Where:** **Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**739 Canal Street**  
**New Orleans, LA 70130**



Workshop Includes:

- Meet and network with other new SEC's and VAC's
- History of Child and Youth Protection within the Church
- Review of the Annual Audit Process
- Creating a Culture of Protection and Healing within your Diocese/Eparchy
- Time for discussion and Q&A with experienced SEC's and VAC's



**To register for this pre-conference workshop, and to register for the full conference, visit – <http://cypclc.wixsite.com/2018nola> and click on “Registration”**

- On the Registration form, be sure to indicate you will be attending the “New Orientation for SECs/VACs”

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