Diocesan Representative Follow-Up

To: Priests, Deacons, and Parish Staff

From: [Insert Diocesan Office]

Date: [Insert date]

Re: Safe Haven Sunday, Follow-Up Message

The consequences of pornography on the internet generation are being discussed with more frequency and at every level, including in the Catholic Church. As communicated in the Bishop's [Insert date] letter, he is asking that all pastors and parishes continue to do their part to be proactive regarding this serious issue of pornography by directly addressing it with the individuals and families entrusted to your care. One of the key ways our bishop is asking that we do this is by celebrating the third annual Safe Haven Sunday with this year's theme "Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection" on [Insert date]. Once again, this day will be an opportunity to equip marriages and families with the tools they need to restore in their homes a safe haven.

A critical component of Safe Haven Sunday is offering this year's book, *Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids* for parishioners to pick up after all Masses. When a parent discovers his or her child or teenager has been looking at pornography, it can be alarming, hurtful, even frightening. In the confusion of the moment, it is important for parents to understand that these are not uncharted waters. This book provides a full step-by-step guide for Catholic parents.

We also invite parishioners to join a seven-day text-to-opt-in email campaign that provides short, practical videos to help parents protect their children from online dangers.

Resources for the implementation are provided by our partners at Covenant Eyes at **https://learn.covenanteyes.com/safe-haven-sunday/**. The guide is also attached to this communication.

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The form to order copies of the book (or additional copies if you have already placed an order for other parish purposes) and the parish kit is due [Insert date].

If you have questions about Safe Haven Sunday, please contact [Insert Diocesan contact information].

Attachments: Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids

Book and Parish Kit Order Form (Due: Insert date)

Safe Haven Sunday Parish Implementation Guide PDF