

Intro Letter from Bishop

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The consequences of pornography on the internet generation are being discussed with more frequency and at every level, including in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has addressed pornography more times than any other Pope in the history of the Church, including in his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Even more recently, Pope Francis called attention to the dangers of the internet at the Child Dignity in the Digital World world congress. When referencing internet dangers (i.e., pornography), His Holiness referred to it as “what is probably the most crucial challenge for the future of the human family.”¹

The Pope’s words motivate those who read them to do their part to create healthy environments where the internet is present. The Pope’s reminder of these dangers are not meant to bring about discouragement of the overwhelming task at hand, but instead to encourage all of us to work together to take the needed steps to protect the dignity of all human life, especially the dignity of children.

As you know, it has almost been a year since we celebrated our second annual Safe Haven Sunday in [Insert Diocese]. This was just the beginning of our pursuit to do our part by directly addressing the harmfulness of pornography in marriages, families, and culture as a whole. Together we can address this issue by teaching those who have been entrusted to our care about pornography’s effects and to share helpful and effective resources with them.

On [Insert date], we will continue our efforts by celebrating our third annual Safe Haven Sunday.

Enclosed is the information you need to purchase this year’s primary educational resource to be distributed to parishioners on Safe Haven Sunday—Covenant Eyes’

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most recent book, *Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids*. Please find enclosed a copy of this book, as well as the order form to purchase the book to provide to each family in your parishes. Please submit the order form no later than [Insert date].

The Pope's address and so many other efforts in the United States and the world address the harmfulness of pornography, these efforts are inspiring. Let us take this opportunity to join these efforts and work together to hold up and assist marriages and families by bringing the harmfulness and dangers of pornography to light this Safe Haven Sunday and beyond.

With my prayers for your ministry and a blessed effort, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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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

1. Amanda Zurface, "Pope Francis Addresses the Harms of Porn on Children," Covenant Eyes, October 19, 2017. Accessed November 2, 2018, from <https://www.covenanteyes.com/2017/10/19/the-catholic-church-continues-to-address-pornography-and-protect-kids/>