

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTER  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PROMISE TO  
PROTECT**

**PLEDGE TO  
HEAL**

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES RENEWS ITS ONGOING COMMITMENT  
TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY  
PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE AND HEALING THOSE HARMED.

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**2022 NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
& BLUE SUNDAY RESOURCE BOOKLET**

## CELEBRATING 2022 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH & BLUE SUNDAY

During *National Child Abuse Prevention Month* in April, we as the People of God renew our ongoing commitment to protecting our children and young people from child sexual abuse. In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2022, **each parish/school will receive a gift packet which includes:**



- (2) 11x17 New USCCB Posters
- (200) New Stickers.
- 2022 – 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochures
- 2022 *National Child Abuse Prevention Month & Blue Sunday Resource Booklet*

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**Display** new blue 2022 Promise to Protect Posters in prominent places in the parish and school.

**Distribute** the “Keeping Kids Safe” stickers to parishioners during all Masses on April 24<sup>th</sup> Blue Sunday.

**Distribute** the “Keeping Kids Safe” stickers to school children during the last week of April.

2022 USCCB Promise to Protect Poster and Sticker Order Form .....1

**Distribute** the 2022 – 2023 *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* Brochure to parishioners and school parents during the month of April. Copies of the Brochure must also be displayed in the vestibule of the church and school office all year.

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**Include** Child Abuse Prevention Month “Did You Know?” inserts in your parish bulletin & website

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**Plan a special Liturgy** for Blue Sunday, April 24, 2022, highlighting your parish/school’s commitment to protecting our children and young people from child sexual abuse and by:

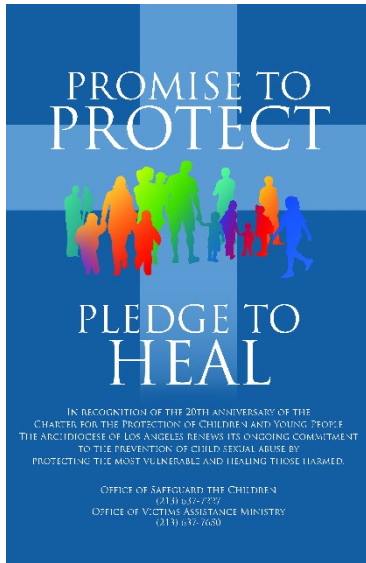
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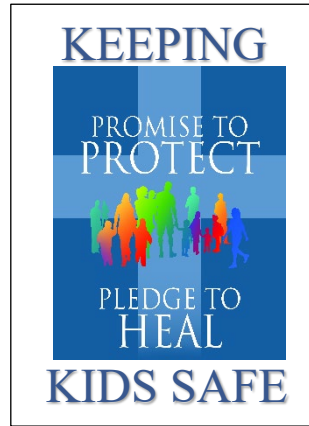
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**Join** the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Livestream “United Together in Prayer” Novena Wednesday, April 20, and end Friday, April 29, 2022, *in collaboration with Victims Assistance Ministry and the five Regional Bishops*. For further information go to: <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>

**2022 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
NEW POSTERS / STICKERS ORDER FORM**



**Poster**



**Stickers**

**To Order email: Brenda [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org)  
or fax to: (213) 637-6681**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ordered By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish/School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City / Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Region:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTER**  
**“PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL”**  
**(English / Spanish Two-sided Poster – 11x17”)**  
**(The first two posters are free; additional copies @ \$1.00 ea.)**

**QUANTITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STICKER**  
**“Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal”**  
**(First two rolls are free – Additional @ \$2.50 a roll)**  
**(Office of Safeguard the Children Use Only. Do not fill in this section.)**

**QUANTITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Shipped:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ORDER FORM**



**2022 -2023**  
**“Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse”**  
**Brochure**

**Available for Free in English and Spanish**

**The new 2022 - 2023 “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 distributed 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 2021 - 2022 brochures immediately.**

**Order Form**

**To order email to: [Brenda bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org)  
or Fax to: (213) 637-6681**

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**Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (English)      Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trabajando Juntos Para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual (Spanish)      Cantidad:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date Shipped:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**“DID YOU KNOW?” FOR APRIL 2022**  
**ANUNCIOS “¿SABÍA USTED?” PARA EL BOLETÍN DE ABRIL 2022**

**April 2-3**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**“United Together in Prayer” Novena**

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. For more information and to join the Novena on April 22, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

**¿SABÍA USTED?**

**Novena “Unidos en oración”**

En honor al Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil en abril, la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles les invita a unirse a nosotros para transformar la conciencia en acción al participar en una Novena especial de nueve días para la Protección y la Sanación del Abuso, del 22 al 30 de abril. Para obtener más información y unirse a la Novena el 22 de abril, visite <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

**April 9-10**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**2022-2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure**

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* Brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at: <https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/>.

**¿SABÍA USTED?**

**Folleto del 2022-2023 Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil**

La Oficina de Protección de los Niños de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles publica anualmente el folleto Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil, que proporciona una lista actualizada de políticas, programas, recursos, números de contacto y otra información importante sobre el trabajo que se realiza en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Las copias de los folletos están disponibles en el vestíbulo de las parroquias o en línea en: <https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children/>.

**April 16 - 17**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families**

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator at

(213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support. In addition, Archbishop Gomez invites you to join him and many across the Archdiocese at the Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. To join please visit <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

### **¿SABÍA USTED?**

#### **La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias**

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso continuo de reportar las denuncias de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, de apoyar a las víctimas sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y de proteger a los niños y a los vulnerables. La Arquidiócesis creó un sitio web, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar abusos. Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce, es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, comuníquese con las autoridades policiales y con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> para ayuda y apoyo. Además, el Arzobispo Gomez les invita a unirse a él y a muchos en toda la Arquidiócesis a la Novena para la Protección y la Sanación del Abuso, del 22 al 30 de abril. Para unirse, visite <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

**April 23 - 24**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **“United Together in Prayer”**

June 2022 marks the 20th Anniversary of the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

*“A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”*

*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.*

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## **¿SABÍA USTED?**

### **“Unidos en oración”**

Junio de 2022 marca el vigésimo aniversario de la Carta de la USCCB para la *Protección de Niños y Jóvenes*. A medida que nosotros, como Pueblo de Dios, continuamos con nuestro compromiso de Prometer proteger y prometer sanar, les pedimos que se unan en una oración especial por las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil.

#### ***“Oración por la sanación de las víctimas de abuso”***

***Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, sana las heridas de tu pueblo y transforma su fragilidad en integridad.***

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

***Infunde sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones.***

***Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados por el abuso encuentren la paz en la justicia.***

***Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.***

***Amén.***

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## CANDLE LIGHTING

If you still have your Child Abuse Prevention Month Candle from 2021, please place it near the altar and light it during all liturgies in the month of April.



## A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

On the weekend of April 24, 2022, join parishes across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in praying “A Prayer for Healing” for victims of abuse. You may use the free “A Prayer for Healing” prayer cards or the copy provided below.

**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.**

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### Una Oración de Sanación Víctimas de Abuso

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

**Concédenos 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.**



## HOMILY HELP



### ...CONCEPTS TO INCORPORATE INTO HOMILIES

In a society that emphasizes productivity, pleasure, and independence, it is all the more important to accompany those in need of care and compassion. When a person is in pain and in need, we are called to remind them that they are not alone. When a person has been beaten down and feeling insignificant, we are called to remind them of their worth and the unconditional love that is bestowed upon them.

Reaffirm the gift of childhood. Acknowledge the joy of innocence. As the Lord watches over all of us, so too must we watch over each other. Impress upon each person the moral obligation to care for one another, to respect each other. As a parent nurtures and protects a child, we are also called to protect each other, and intervene if we observe wrongdoing.

On Blue Sunday (the last Sunday in April), we are united with the world in praying for the victim-survivors of child abuse. Pray they will be rescued. Pray they are placed with caring people. Pray their minds and bodies can heal. Pray they find hope. Pray for those who rescue them. Pray for the witnesses to find courage. Pray for the community to be educated and find ways to support the efforts that will put an end to violence.

Pope Francis has called upon all people to reflect on synodality. We are being asked to journey together, to listen and learn from each other, to discern together what is the will of the Holy Spirit. During this Child Abuse Prevention Month, let us listen carefully to the words of the wounded. Let us walk together on this journey of healing and building trust. The Holy Spirit will light the way through the darkness of evil. But we must take the time to listen, to heed the guidance as we draw the map of our journey to wholeness.



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PETITIONS**  
**ENGLISH**

- **As we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 wounded by abuse of any kind, we pray to the Lord...**
- **As we celebrate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, may our commitment to protecting our children and young people from child sexual abuse to grow stronger in our churches, homes, communities and the world, we pray to the Lord...**
- **We pray for all victims of abuse around the world, within the Church and beyond, that the healing Spirit of God will move among them and within them. And that the Church – the People of God – will be filled with the healing spirit, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For families who are the first to show God’s love, that they may have the necessary support to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For those who have suffered abuse, that they may experience God’s profound love for them and God’s healing powers, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For those affected by abuse in any way, that they may have the courage to tell their story, to reach for healing, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For those affected by abuse, in all of its forms, that they may find the courage and strength and continue to grow and trust in the love of our Lord, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For survivors of abuse and for their families and friends who support them, that God's providence will lead them to peace and wholeness, we pray to the Lord...**



## PETICIONES DEL MES DE LA PREVENCIÓN DEL ABUSO INFANTIL

- **En este, el 20° Aniversario de los Estatutos para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes, sigamos con nuestra Promesa de Proteger a todos los niños y jóvenes de Dios, del abuso sexual de niños, y renovemos nuestro Compromiso para Sanar todas las víctimas que han sido tocadas por el abuso, oremos al Señor...**
- **Al celebrar el día Nacional de la prevención del Abuso de Niños, nosotros como el Pueblo de Dios podemos renovar nuestro compromiso de proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes de todas las formas de abuso, oremos al Señor...**
- **Oremos por todas las víctimas de abuso en todo el mundo, en la Iglesia y en todo lugar, para que el Espíritu sanador de Dios se mueva entre ellas y dentro de ellas. Y para que la Iglesia – el pueblo de Dios – se llene del espíritu de sanación, oremos al Señor...**
- **Para las familias que son los primeros en mostrar el amor de Dios, para que tengan el apoyo necesario para proporcionar ambientes seguros y llenos de apoyo para los niños y jóvenes, oremos al Señor...**
- **Para aquellos que han sufrido abuso, para que experimenten el profundo amor de Dios por ellos y el poder sanador de Dios, oremos al Señor...**
- **Para los afectados por el abuso en cualquier forma, para que tengan el valor de contar su historia, para alcanzar la sanación, oremos al Señor...**
- **Para cualquier niño que pueda estar sufriendo de abuso, para que encuentren y fortaleza y seguir creciendo y confiando en el amor de dios, oremos al Señor...**
- **Para los sobrevivientes de abuso para sus familias y amigos que los apoyan, que la providencia de Dios los conduzca hacia la paz y a la plenitud, oremos al Señor...**