



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month Bulletin and Announcement Samples

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#### Did You Know . . .

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our communities.

The Catholic Church is a leader in abuse prevention programs and procedures, so that we may protect our most valuable gift from God - our children.

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, [www.dioceseoftyler.org](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org) or call: Maria Flores 903.534.1077 ext 188.

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The Diocese of Tyler *Ethics and Integrity Program* and the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* require that all employees and volunteers who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools participate in child abuse prevention training. Fostering a safe environment is a commitment of all Church Personnel.

#### Five Steps to Safer Environments:

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

For more information and dates and locations of training see [www.dioceseoftyler.org](http://www.dioceseoftyler.org)



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### **Possible Prayers of the Faithful for use in April:**

For children that are abused or neglected, that they may receive help and healing,  
Let us pray to the Lord

That adults may always have the courage to protect children from abuse. Let us  
pray to the Lord

That our communities' efforts to keep children safe maybe an effective witness to  
their sacred dignity. Let us pray to the Lord

Blue  
Sunday

NATIONAL  
BLUE SUNDAY  
DAY OF PRAYER  
APRIL 30, 2017

Possible flyer: <http://www.bluesunday.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Blue-Sunday-Day-of-Prayer-Ad.pdf>

Possible bulletin insert: <http://bluesunday.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2016-Church-Bulletin-free-online.pdf>

Possible videos: <http://www.bluesunday.org/sample-page-2/>

Educational resources: <http://www.bluesunday.org/resources/>