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Welcome *home*.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the end of this Child Abuse Prevention Month, I want to rally us all together in prayer and support for all those in the cycle of abuse and trafficking. These are still an ugly but real part of our world. The fight against child abuse and the battle for the dignity of the human person is far from over because original sin is still very much alive, and our enemy is a clever one and on the prowl. Human weakness will always be with us in this valley of tears; nevertheless, some sin and crime can be tolerated even a little. Please stand with me with your prayers.

Further the time has now come after three years to renew each of our Safe Environment Training. Remember with me that this training is the United States Catholic Church's response to the reality of child abuse. In it you will learn what to look for if a child is being abused and who to contact if you know or suspect that abuse is happening. Adults who prey on children are manipulative and clever. They turn all their powers on the child and try to hide themselves.

Thus, it is my hope that every adult here at Christ the Redeemer will join me in taking child abuse prevention seriously. We are now given a moment, to say with our actions that no instance of abuse will be tolerated. Each of us who might be a safe place for a child to share their hurt must be ready and equipped to act. Certainly, many of us are legally mandated reporters, but more so this is not merely about fulfilling some law, but about protecting those innocent little ones around us whose angels are always before the face of God.

Dear brothers and sisters, please stand with me in prayer and in preparation for this fight. Please be prepared to renew your Safe Environment Training. More information will be coming shortly.

Sincerely,

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Pastor of Christ the Redeemer