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**Date:** March 25, 2024

**To:** Pastors, clergy, parish catechetical leaders, Catholic school principals

**From:** The Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

**Re:** Safe Haven Sunday – April 21

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Peace and all good things!

I am grateful to announce that the archdiocese will have the sixth annual Safe Haven Sunday during the weekend Masses for Good Shepherd Sunday, April 20-21.

In addition to the [booklets](#) and [online resources](#) developed for Safe Haven Sunday, parishes are invited to consider providing promotional cards (available in English and Spanish) for the following two separate online programs that help address pornography use/addiction and the wounds they cause in marriage: [STRIVE](#) and [Restored Vows](#) are both available online and free of charge; confession cards for both programs are offered for free [here](#).

We know that the use of pornography in the home deprives its role as a safe haven and has negative effects on families across generations. It is my hope that the resources available to you on Safe Haven Sunday will both encourage and teach all individuals and families dealing with the effects of pornography that loving support is available.

Thank you for using this designated timeframe (or another that may be more fitting for your parish or school) to bring attention to this issue and to the resources available to help individuals, parents and families. Thank you as well for all you do to support strong marriages and families and the embrace of the virtue of chastity as essential for Christian discipleship and growth in holiness.

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