

APRIL is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



During the month of April, we observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time when U.S. organizations elevate the importance of creating systems and programs that put children and families first, by bring awareness on prevention of abuse and neglect, and supporting survivors.

Access the USCCB's Secretariat's office of Child and Youth Protection, [2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month Resource Booklet](#), where you will find a compilation of resources. Familiarize yourself with the latest trends and best practices on child and youth protection.

The Secretariat also has prayer cards, bookmarks, and other merchandise available. Please help spread the word to protect the most vulnerable among us.

All are encouraged to become more knowledgeable of the signs of abuse in all its forms and what you can do to prevent harm.

Together, we can make a difference and ensure every child grows up safe, healthy, and supported.

REPORTING ABUSE

If you have been a victim of sexual abuse by clergy or a church representative, please call the Diocesan Toll-Free Reporting Line, 1-800-364-3064 as well as your local law enforcement.