



**BULLETIN BLURBS – CREATING A CULTURE OF PROTECTION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
APRIL 2018**

Did you know.....

**March 31 & April 1 (Easter Sunday)**

The Diocese of Orange continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families. As we begin April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Diocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors, and their families, heal and find peace. If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a Church employee, volunteer, or clergy member, please contact the Diocesan Assistance Ministry Coordinator at (800) 364-3064 for help and support.

[www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)

**April 7-8**

The Diocese of Orange has codes of conduct for all adults who work or volunteer around minors. Reading and following the code in all situations creates a culture of protection and keeps our children safer.

[www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)

**April 14-15**

The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment training even if you are not required. [www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)

**April 21-22**

The Diocese of Orange has policies and procedures to create a safe environment and protect children. These include annual safety training for children and youth, fingerprinting and background checks of all adults working with children and youth as well as required Child Abuse training for adults. Read the policies and learn how you can help create a culture of protection.

[www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)

**April 28-29**

Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to protecting children can also protect our Church so that children and youth can play, learn and worship without the threat of harm. Learn how to report child abuse.

[www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/](http://www.rcbo.org/group/child-and-youth-protection/)