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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April 2026 begins with Easter. Our hope is secure in the glory of the Lord's resurrection. We are made in the image and likeness of God. We see the reflection of God's face in our loved ones. We await the day when we will see our Father face to face.

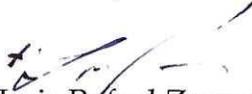
Each April, we also reflect on the special gift of children. Our nation recognizes this as Prevent Child Abuse Month, and the Diocese of Raleigh renews its commitment to providing children and teens with a safe environment to grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom.

Our clergy, religious, parish safe environment teams, volunteers, and employees work together across the 54 counties of our Diocese. We have much to be grateful for in their work. Their efforts include annual safe environment training, participation in the USCCB child safety audit, and providing parishes, schools, and families with resources to nurture our children and teens.

I encourage parishes and schools to use these resources to offer training for the adults entrusted with guiding our children and teens. I endorse these resources and prayerfully support all those involved in educating and accompanying our young ones.

Please join me in praying for everyone who ministers to children and teens in the Diocese of Raleigh. Pray also for our brothers and sisters who have been harmed by child abuse and for all who are healing from these wounds.

In Christ,


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