

2018-2019

# Safe Haven Sunday

Equipping the Family - Safeguarding Children



## Diocesan Implementation Guide

## Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

**Safe Haven Sunday** is celebrating its first year of raising awareness throughout dioceses and parishes in the United States regarding the negative impacts of pornography on individuals, marriages, families and society.

Safe Haven Sunday is a weekend set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven.

It is inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' formal statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, where they explain, "The use of pornography by anyone in the home deprives the home of its role as a **safe haven** and has negative effects throughout a family's life and across generations."

Implementing Safe Haven Sunday is accomplished by following step-by-step instructions.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Q. What is Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** It is a weekend within the liturgical calendar selected by the diocese or parish to directly address the harms of pornography and to provide resources to support and protect individuals, marriages, and families in overcoming pornography and making their homes safe.

## **Q. Why is Covenant Eyes involved with Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** Covenant Eyes is committed to creating faith-based resources that foster the virtue of chastity and the tools to overcome pornography use and addiction (their flagship service is Internet Accountability and Filtering). Safe Haven Sunday is one of the many resources Covenant Eyes has developed to assist U.S. dioceses and parishes implement the USCCB's formal statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, one step at a time.

## **Q. Is Safe Haven Sunday an annual initiative?**

**A.** Yes. It is an annual initiative that is to occur in the life of a diocese and/or parish on a selected weekend to educate and form individuals, marriages, and families on the harms of pornography. New implementation materials will be designed every year that will reflect the annual theme to assist diocesan and parish leaders with the promotion and implementation of Safe Haven Sunday.

## **Q. What is the 2018 theme for Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** This year's theme is Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children.

## **Q. Is Safe Haven Sunday implemented at the diocesan or parish level?**

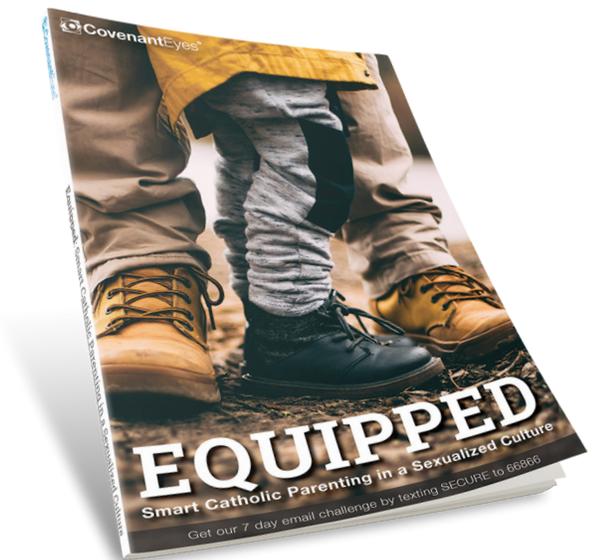
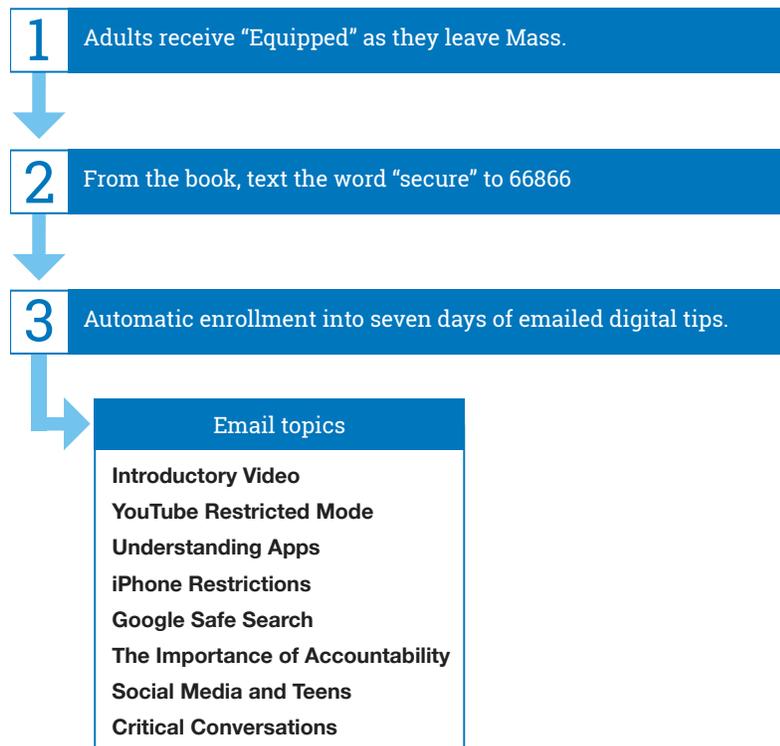
**A.** Both. This is a weekend that can be initiated by a diocese and/or parish. If the diocesan bishop requests that parishes implement this weekend, the diocese plays a leading role in the weekend, primarily by way of communicating necessary actions to implement the weekend and at the same time spearheading communication with the

parishes and the public. The parish role is to provide communications to parishioners and implement Safe Haven Sunday, and (optional) provide this year’s educational resource, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*.

**Q. What role does the parish priest have in the implementation of Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** This effort is designed to be led primarily by the parish priest. He will be provided all the tools to make Safe Haven Sunday a success, including homily helps, general intercessions, prayer card, bulletin blurbs and insert, as well as the opportunity to purchase educational resources to distribute to parishioners, which includes the Covenant Eyes’ book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*, which is available in both English and Spanish, and a free seven day text-to-opt-in program, also available in English and Spanish, provides practical tips that adults can take to create safer digital environments. **Throughout the book, readers are encouraged to sign-up for the seven day text-to-opt-in program by texting SECURE to 66866.**

**7 Day Email Chart:**



**Also available in Spanish!**

**Q. Who sets the date for Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** The diocese sets the date for their diocesan implementation. All parishes in the diocese celebrate Safe Haven Sunday on the same day.

**Q. What costs are involved with Safe Haven Sunday?**

**A.** The only cost involved is the purchasing of the book Equipped (\$2/per book) and the printing of the official Safe Haven Sunday prayer card locally. Parishes place the order by using the Equipped Book Diocesan Order Form provided in the Implementation Guide. The diocese collects the order forms and checks, and then provides one check to Covenant Eyes for the books.

**Q. How can I get my other questions answered as they arise?**

**A.** Please contact a member of the Covenant Eyes Catholic Services Team shown on the next page.

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The following section provides suggested steps that could be taken at the diocesan level during the five months leading up to Safe Haven Sunday weekend.

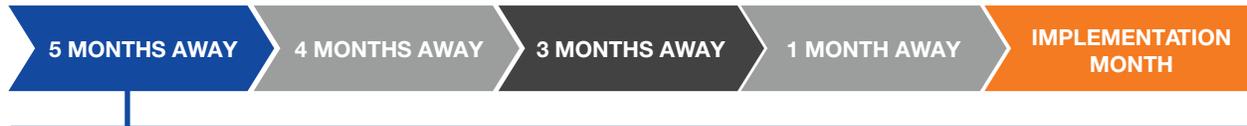
# Diocesan Implementation Plan

## Pre-Decision

### Nine to Twelve Months Before Implementation

- The Bishop and key diocesan staff members hold an initial meeting to discuss the concept, approve the direction, and determine key staff members and volunteer assistants (if necessary).
- Establish annual diocesan-wide date for Safe Haven Sunday.
- Complete the Safe Haven Sunday Statement of Participation and submit to Covenant Eyes contact.

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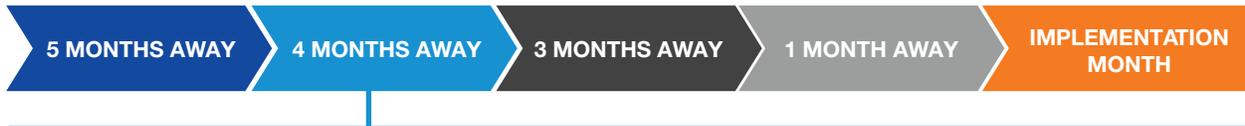


## Post-Decision

### Five Months Until Implementation

- Hold meetings with Priest's Council and Diocesan Deans to discuss the implementation of Safe Haven Sunday in the diocese.
- Bishop sends a letter to all priests, diocesan, and parish leaders in the diocese introducing Safe Haven Sunday.

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## Four Months Until Implementation

- Meeting with Diocesan Pastoral Council to share plans for Safe Haven Sunday and receive suggestions about how to get parishes passionate about the annual implementation of Safe Haven Sunday.
- Diocesan representative(s) speak at all deanery meetings about Safe Haven Sunday.

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## Three Months Until Implementation

- Diocesan representative(s) to contact priests who were unable to attend their deanery meeting and review Safe Haven Sunday.
- Diocesan representative to send follow-up communication to clergy, diocesan and parish leaders about ordering copies of the book *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* and Safe Haven Sunday Prayer Cards by the designated deadline.

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## One Month Until Implementation

- Diocesan representative to send a final communication to clergy, diocesan and parish leaders about ordering copies of the book *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* and Safe Haven Sunday Prayer Cards by the designated deadline.
- Orders of *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* and Safe Haven Sunday Prayer Cards arrive at diocese.
- Diocesan representative(s) organize drop-off or pick-up of *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* and Safe Haven Sunday Prayer Cards to parishes.
- Safe Haven Sunday promoted on local Catholic Radio Station.
- Bishop and/or diocesan representative(s) interviewed about Safe Haven Sunday on local Catholic Radio Station.

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## Month of Implementation

- **4 weeks out** - Bishop introduces Safe Haven Sunday in his diocesan newspaper column.
- **4 weeks out** - Safe Haven Sunday ad printed in diocesan newspaper.
- **4 weeks out** - Safe Haven Sunday shared on diocesan social media.
- **1 week out** - First bulletin blurb: weekend prior to Safe Haven Sunday.
- **Implementation Weekend - Safe Haven Sunday in all Parishes**
  - Second bulletin blurb (may also be used as Pulpit Announcement) and one-page bulletin insert
  - Safe Haven Sunday homily
  - General intercessions
  - Prayer Card
  - *Equipped* book distributed after closing song
- **1 week after** - Third and final bulletin blurb in all bulletins, thanking people for participating in Safe Haven Sunday.

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- **1 week after** - Safe Haven Sunday / Thank You posted on diocesan social media.
- **1 week after** - Letter sent from bishop to clergy, diocesan and parish leaders thanking them for their support and leadership.
- **1 week after** - Diocesan newspaper article on local parish efforts.

The following section provides suggested resources that could be used in order to implement Safe Haven Sunday.

# Implementation Resources



Bulletin Blurbs

(click to download)



Bulletin Insert

(click to download)



Diocesan Representative Follow-Up

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Diocesan Representative Final Follow-Up

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Diocesan Newspaper Ad

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Diocesan Newspaper Article from Bishop

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Equipped Book and Prayer Card Diocesan Order Form

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General Intercessions

(click to download)



Homily Helps

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Homily Sample

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Homily Video

(click to download)



Introduction Letter from Bishop to Priests

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Letter from Parish Priest to Parishioners

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Prayer Card for Parishioners

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Thank You Letter from Bishop to Priests

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Download All Implementation Resources

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