

Diocese of St. Petersburg

Office of the Bishop

March 13, 2019

Re: Safe Haven Sunday — Thank you and save the date for next year – February 23, 2020.

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our March 3rd diocesan-wide Safe Haven Sunday initiative was a success! I wish to extend my appreciation to everyone who made Safe Haven Sunday possible. Likewise, I am grateful to our parishioners for their support by promoting education and awareness regarding the dangers of pornography.

Because of this year's success, the Presbyteral Council recommended, and I approved, holding Safe Haven Sunday again next year. As such, I request that all parishes continue this effort next year on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Please mark your calendars for next year's Safe Haven Sunday, which will be Sunday, February 23, 2020. Once again, we will make this easy by providing step-by-step instructions and the resources you need, which will be made available as the date approaches.

Although Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, our efforts to make our homes safe havens never ends. Please ask your parishioners to stay informed with the resources on our website, www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn, and the website of our partner, Covenant Eyes, www.covenanteyes.com, to learn more about how to protect and guide families and friends.

Again, thanks to all our parish communities for raising awareness of internet safety and the dignity of the human person despite the pornographic culture.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes

Bishop of St. Petersburg