

Child Abuse Prevention Month **April 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Visit the Diocesan Safe Environment webpage	2 Paint a Rock	3 Read a Book to a Child	4 Wear Blue to support Child Abuse Prevention Month	5 Pray for Intercession from St. Maria Goretti
6 Share Your Commitment	7 Review the Code of Conduct	8 Learn about your local Children's Advocacy Center	9 Donate School Supplies	10 Say the Rosary for Healing	11 Lighten the Load for a Parent	12 Families First: Focus on your Family
13 Random Act of Kindness	14 Attend the Way of the Cross for Healing and Protection	15 Learn about Online Safety	16 Consider a Donation to St. Vincent's Services	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday	21 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 1	22 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 2	23 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 3	24 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 4	25 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 5	26 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 6
27 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 7	28 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 8	29 Novena for Healing and Protection Day 9	30 Let the Little Children Come to Me			



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Office of
Safe Environment

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

April 1

Visit the Diocesan Safe Environment Webpage to learn more about our efforts to protect children and all the faithful in our diocese:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/directory-offices/office/safe-environment/>

April 2 Paint a Rock

Paint a rock with a positive message and leave it somewhere for a child (or anyone!) to find and brighten their day.

April 3 Read a Book

Reading to a child is one of the best ways to spend quality time.

April 4 Wear Blue

Blue is the color for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Wear blue today to show your support.

April 5 St. Maria Goretti

Just a young child herself, the story of St. Maria Goretti teaches us courage and forgiveness. Today make the intention to say a special prayer for the intercession of St. Maria Goretti Patroness of Abused.

April 6 Share Your Commitment

Follow the Diocese on social media and share your commitment to protecting children by liking and sharing some of our posts during April

<https://www.facebook.com/fallriverdiocese/>.

April 7 Review the Code of Conduct

All who minister, work or volunteer in the Diocese agree to a code of conduct that provides guidelines to maintain healthy boundaries and keep children and all the faithful safe.

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/safe-environment/essential-three/>

April 8 Children's Advocacy Center

Visit the website of our local CAC to learn more about their vital role in child abuse investigation and prevention:

Bristol County: <https://cacofbc.org/>

Barnstable County: <https://www.childrenscove.org/>

April 9: Donate School Supplies

Catholic Charities of Fall River has many ways to help children in our community, including donating school supplies: <https://www.ccfrioc.org/how-to-help/>

April 10 Say the Rosary for Healing

Use this guide to offer a rosary for healing:

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/safe-environment/resources/>

April 11 Lighten the Load

Make a meal, run an errand, open a door, or say a prayer for a parent who is over-loaded. Be aware of the sign of stress and offer a small gesture of hope and kindness to a parent today.

April 12 Families First

Pope Francis calls the family the principal cell or building block of human society. Spend some quality time with your family today.

April 13 Random Act of Kindness

Kindness promotes empathy and compassion and is positive role modeling for our children. Go out of your way to do something kind today.

April 14 Prayer Service 12:30pm

Attend *"Praying the Way of the Cross for Healing and Protection"* led by Bishop da Cunha at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. Livestream:

<https://www.olfallriver.com/watch>

April 15 Learn about Online Safety

Children spend much of their lives online where they are at risk for abuse and exploitation. Learn more about how to keep them safe online:

<https://www.protectyoungeyes.com/>

April 16 St. Vincent's Services

St. Vincents Services has provided safe, comprehensive care for children and families in our community for more than a century. Consider a donation to support their vital services.

<https://saintvincentservices.org/>

April 17 Holy Thursday

April 18 Good Friday

April 19 Holy Saturday

April 20 Easter Sunday

April 21-29 Novena For Healing and Protection

Pray the Novena by offering the intercession for each day followed by the Our Father, 3 Hail Marys and Glory Be

April 21 Day 1

May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.

April 22 Day 2

May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.

April 23 Day 3

May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

April 24 Day 4

May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

April 25 Day 5

May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

April 26 Day 6

May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

April 27 Day 7

May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported

April 28 Day 8

May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

April 29 Day 9

May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

April 30 Let the Little Children Come to Me

Matthew 19: 14 "but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Let us see all children as Jesus did: precious members of God's Kingdom.