

# Bulletin Blurbs

## Weekend Prior to Safe Haven Sunday

### **Safe Haven Sunday—Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations**

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage.

Next weekend, February 22-23, 2020, the Diocese of St. Petersburg will be celebrating our second annual Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please visit <https://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn>.

# Weekend of Safe Haven Sunday

## Safe Haven Sunday—Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation. Real, honest, “look them in the eyes” conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option—the internet never rests.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg is setting aside this weekend, February 22-23, 2020 to celebrate our second annual Safe Haven Sunday in order to provide free resources to assist you with confidently talking to your children about internet dangers, as well as their online and offline choices.

Safe Haven Sunday is celebrated through prayer and reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes’ most recent book, *Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure*. This book includes a free seven-day text-to-opt-in program that provides practical tips for caring adults to create safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Simply text **SECURE** to **66866** to begin receiving guidance today!

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have any questions about this awareness weekend, please visit <https://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn>.

# Weekend after Safe Haven Sunday

## **A Big Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Safe Haven Sunday a Success!**

The Diocese of St. Petersburg extends special thanks to everyone who helped make Safe Haven Sunday possible!

Thank you also to the parish community for your openness to the topic of pornography awareness and internet safety.

Safe Haven Sunday provided us with the opportunity to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriage and family life.

Even though Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, our efforts to support you in making your homes safe havens will continue. We invite you to stay informed at <https://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn> , and learn more about how to protect and guide your family in the internet age.