



## Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys

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Dear Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Eparchy of Van Nuys:

I commend you for your dedication and on-going efforts as we continue striving together for the safety and well-being of every child in our Eparchy, and I encourage you to keep up the good work.

As you know, in our Eparchy we utilize the GOD WITH US CATECHETICAL SERIES for our children, in order to insure that our children receive formation and information so that a Safe Environment is provided for them.

For our catechists, parents, volunteers, parish employees, etc., the programs REDUCING THE RISK and C.A.R.E. (Christians Always Respect Everyone) are approved and available in all parishes. The participation of the above mentioned adults in these programs is of the utmost importance. Because education and training for a Safe Environment are so vital, I urge everyone to attend these programs as they are offered in each parish.

I also thank you for placing the posters and fliers PROMISE TO PROTECT-PLEDGE TO HEAL in prominent places in your parishes. I encourage you to reread our Eparchial policy on Safe Environment, which can be found on our Eparchial website.

With prayers for the continuation of creating a better and safer world for our children in each of our parishes, and praying that God will bless the works of your hands, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald N. Dino  
*Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys*