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Our Commitment to the Protection of Young People

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we are committed to keeping our children safe and providing a compassionate environment in which victim-survivors of abuse by priests and other Church personnel can come forward to seek justice and find healing.

In the attachment to this letter, we offer background on what we have done and what we continue to do to ensure the safety of young people in our parishes, schools and other ministries. For a number of years now, we have had in place a system for reporting and investigating suspected abuse by priests and for removing offenders from ministry. In addition, we have an extensive program of education and background checks to make sure our children are safe and aware of the signs of abuse.

Our work is ongoing. I ask your prayers as we continue to be vigilant in the protection of our children, and as we continue to pray and seek healing and justice for those who have been hurt.

May Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, grant you peace.

+ José H. Gomez

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