Creating a Safe Guarding Culture

Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon
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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way. . . .”

Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities, 1859
This is what God asks of you, only this...
To act justly,
To love tenderly, and
To walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8
Every year, at least 1 billion children — ½ of the world’s children — experience violence.

3 in every 4 children, under the age of 5, experience violent discipline at the hands of caregivers.

Almost 1/3 of school students have been bullied by their peers at least once in the past month.

Children now account for 30% of those who are trafficked, with the sexual exploitation of victims being the main driver of human trafficking.

Children with disabilities are almost 4 times more likely to experience violence than other children, while children from other disadvantaged groups also face disproportionately high levels of violence.

Refugee and migrant children often find that violence is a constant companion: driving them from their home countries, accompanying them on their journey, and waiting for them at their destination.

Sources; Human Rights Council; UNICEF; UNESCO; UN News.
In the soul of every child, no matter how vulnerable, God puts the seal of His love, which is the basis of his or her dignity, a dignity that nothing can destroy.

Pope Francis
Proclaim Christ and God’s Kingdom

Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord  Healing, growth, serving, ongoing conversion

• Promote “listening, caring, accompanying” to provide support for those struggling with emotional and mental health, addictions and/or grief recovery
• Provide healthy and safe communities free from trauma and abuse
• Build the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our communities
• Provide opportunities for women and men to recover from trauma and dysfunction
INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR

COMPASSIONATE CITIES

If we look back at the development in the twentieth century, the most devastating cause of human suffering, of deprivation of human dignity, freedom, and peace has been the culture of violence in resolving differences and conflicts. The challenge before us is to make our new century of dialogue and of peaceful co-existence.

– Dalai Lama

Together we can make Canada the best place in the world for kids to grow up!

The Canadian Children’s Charter

www.childrenfirstcanada.com

KEEPING THE PROMISE: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN BY 2030

Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children, July, 2019 United Nations

FUNDAMENTALS OF CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION

By Richard Barrett    www.valuescentre.com
SAFE-GUARDING CULTURE

- Justice for all
- Transparency and openness
- Community of equals
- Non-violent stance
- Compassionate care
Possible Resources for Education

Still Unhealed – Treating the Pathology in the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis by Nuala Kenny, SC

Vatican 11 Documents – Lumen Gentium

Bridge Dialogues: laity and clergy reimagining the church. www.THEBRIDGEDIALOGUES.ORG
Blaming me as a child was just as damaging as the sexual abuse.

You must’ve enjoyed it.

What did you do to provoke him?

It’s your fault you should’ve known better.

Your father is a good man stopped looking for attention.

Why didn’t you tell someone sooner?

You destroyed our family with your lies.
The Evolution of St. Vincent de Paul’s Spiritual Vision
7 PILLARS OF PRIESTHOOD

1. The strength of a priest depends on his relationship with Christ.

2. The priest must be close to the people he serves.

3. The authority of the priest must be linked to service, especially to those who are poor and weak.

4. The priest must be a minister of mercy.

5. The priest is called to a simplicity of life.

6. The priest must be a model of integrity.

7. The priest should be a source of blessing for his people.
prostitution
trafficking
sex
pornography
commercial
violence
sexual
threats
servitude
marriage
physical
insults
sexual
online
marriage
aggression
forced
child
abuse
women
against
harassing
sexual
rape
consumption
forced
exploitation
domestic
genital
tourism
exploitation
The Violence Continuum

to reduce and prevent violence:

insults
put downs
threats
trash talk
bullying
fighting
sexual harassment
stealing
drinking and drugs
weapons
hate crimes
vandalism
hostages
rape
murder
suicide
Growing Up

Violence is preventable.
3-Year-Old Children

Normal

Extreme Neglect
2. Violence begets violence.
3. Violence is a learnt behavior.
4. All violent behavior is unacceptable.

Respect the person!
5. Violence is an imbalance of power.
6. Violence is maintained by manipulation and control.
7. Perpetrators of violence are usually acting out of pain.
COMPASSIONATE CARE
Compassion

Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.
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