



**DIOCESE OF RALEIGH**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In April, Lent will end and the celebration of Easter will begin. We will meditate on the pain of the Passion of Jesus and we will rejoice in the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Our lives also experience both pain and healing, both hardship and celebration. In all the journeys of life, we strive to walk in faith, hope and love.

April is also Prevent Child Abuse Month in the United States. Please pray for all those who have been affected by abuse and for all those who currently minister to our children and youth. We continue to make every effort to update and improve our diocesan training and protocols for all those in ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh.

The children and teens of today will live the vocations that will proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus for years to come. Our Safe Environment efforts ensure they will have trusted places and people to help them discover their vocations as disciples of Jesus.

Please know of my gratitude for all the clergy, parents, volunteers, staff, teachers, coaches and leaders who safeguard and nurture the faith of our young people. We are companions on life's journey. May God guide us all by his Grace, through Christ our Lord.

In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.  
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