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Office of the Archbishop

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*Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas*

Dear Father,

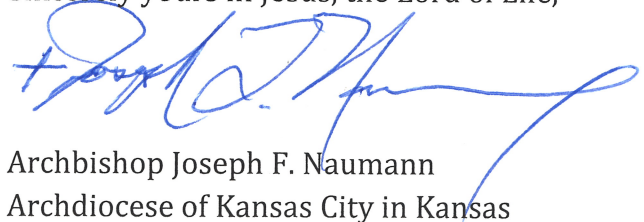
In 2006 the Archdiocese launched the *My House Initiative* to build awareness of the effects of pornography on society and offer support and healing for those who are harmed by it. Nine years later, access to explicit images on phones, tablets, computers and televisions is even more pervasive; threatening souls, wounding marriages and robbing children of their innocence.

As shepherds of souls, we have a duty to protect the flock entrusted to our care and to warn of the grave threat that pornography poses. As we approach the season of Lent, when the Liturgy invites us to “return to the Lord” (Jl 2:13) and “be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20), the time seems opportune to revisit this important pastoral concern and to renew conversations by couples and within families about the threat posed by pornography, as well as to offer steps that can be taken to avoid its insidious harms.

To that end, I have asked the Office of Marriage and Family Life to produce a new video to be shown at Sunday Masses, along with collateral materials that will help strengthen families against the scourge of pornography. I am asking you to show the video, preach about the issue, and make available the accompanying materials to your parishioners. I suggest doing this on the first, second or third Sunday of Lent. I pray that this renewed initiative will serve to protect children, strengthen marriage and offer hope to those in the clutches of pornography.

Accompanying this letter you will find a packet containing a copy of the video, along with other supporting material to help you and your parish staff re-introduce this initiative. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact Dcn. Tony Zimmerman or Mr. Sam Meier in the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Thank you for all you do to bring those in your care closer to Christ. I am grateful for the important role you play in helping to protect children, strengthen marriage, and sanctify families.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,



Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann  
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