

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

Child and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference

Joining together in community to develop, support and institute the safe environment ministry of Catholic Bishops by fulfilling their promise to protect children and their pledge to heal those who have been abused.

- ✚ Annual conference that began in 2006
- ✚ Attended primarily by Safe Environment Directors and by Victims Assistance Coordinators
 - Others who attend include bishops, vicars for clergy, chancellors, human resource directors
- ✚ Many of the 196 dioceses/eparchies are represented
- ✚ The conference provides opportunities to network and to exchange best practices
- ✚ Conference attendees given ample opportunity to visit with vendors
- ✚ Topics covered include:
 - Criminal history background checks
 - Psychological impact of sexual abuse
 - Safe environment training programs
 - Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
 - Self-care for those in this ministry
 - Update from a representative of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors
 - Internet safety and dangers
 - National compliance audit
- ✚ Speakers include:
 - Bishops
 - Mental health professionals
 - Victims of sexual abuse
 - Law enforcement officials
 - USCCB
 - National Review Board
- ✚ Vendors include:
 - Safe environment training programs
 - Criminal history background check programs
 - Publishers