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**To: Clergy, Religious, and Laity in the Archdiocese of New Orleans**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

As we enter this Lenten Season, God calls us to an honest, grace-filled assessment of our weakness and sins. The Church's call to prayer, fasting, and charity brings us to a conversion of heart and unites us to the love of Christ. I sincerely pray that your Lenten journey will be one that leads you to newness of life and blessings for you and your family.

During this time, we reflect on the ways we are tempted and stray from the way of the Lord. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Sadly, pornography has become a common temptation that affects our families and darkens many lives. This first Sunday of Lent, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans invite parents, parishes, schools, and organizations to learn more about this common struggle and how we can protect and provide healing for ourselves and the loved ones in our lives, especially our children.

Your parish has new resources to help you understand and confidently address this issue and act with God's love and mercy toward those in your homes and organizations.

May Lent be a blessing for you and your family and a renewed experience of God's mercy. Know that you are remembered in my prayers, and please remember me in yours.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans