



## Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safeguarding All of God's Family Safe Environment Week – Proclamation

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Safe Environment Week is "Serve with Love." As a faith community, together we focus on the importance of God's protecting love that surrounds each and every one of His children;

WHEREAS, when we fully live the words of Pope Francis when he says "only those who serve with love are able to protect," we ensure an environment in which all are God's children are safe;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI proclaim the week of April 30 – May 6, 2017 as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love and mercy of God the Father.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome E. ListECKI". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee