



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Region 6
Louisiana, Mississippi
New Mexico, Oklahoma
Texas, Indian Nations

819 Taylor Street Room 8A38
Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6177

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Dear Pastor/Priest:

Losing a loved one is never easy, but it is especially difficult when the fatality is a child or teen. Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for Hispanics ages 1-24, and although Hispanic male teens drive fewer vehicle miles than their Caucasian counterparts, they are nearly twice as likely to die in a motor vehicle crash. We need your support to reach the youth in your congregation!

You can help by making a commitment to traffic safety, sharing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Safety Clergy Kit of safety messages for April through June with your congregation and community.

In this quarter, the messages emphasize teen seat belt use, as well as information concerning child passenger safety, driving distractions, and a variety of other driving topics. Plus, you'll find a Sunday school activity designed to initiate discussions about unsafe teen driving behaviors.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for April through June 2009
- Pastor/Priest Notes for a Traffic Safety Sermon Message
- Weekly Safety Reminders
- Sunday School Activity

Thank you for your continued support in sharing traffic safety messages. If you need additional information or other assistance to help promote traffic safety within your church, please contact me at 817.978.3792 or visit www.coremessages.com for downloadable versions. Let us come together to protect the gift of life for our families and our community.

Sincerely,

Frank Marrero
Regional Program Manager