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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Region 6
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New Mexico, Oklahoma
Texas, Indian Nations

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Dear Pastor/Priest:

Each new year, people all across the U.S. make pledges to be better, whether promising to break a bad habit or start a new good habit. This year, help your congregation by resolving to make a commitment to traffic safety. Studies show that Hispanic drivers have lower safety belt use rates than the general population, resulting in higher fatality rates in traffic crashes, and traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for Hispanics ages 1 through 24. If each of us takes small steps towards making travel safer on our streets and highways, like using child seats and obeying the speed limit, many lives will be saved.

To help remind your congregation of these easy steps for traffic safety, the enclosed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Safety Clergy Kit provides safety messages for January through March. Thank you for your efforts to prevent tragedies in your community!

In this quarter, the messages highlight vehicle maintenance, safety belts, attentive driving, and a variety of tips for families.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for January through March 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
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