



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  
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Dear Pastor/Priest:

Each and every death caused by traffic crashes impacts family, friends, and the community with sadness and loss. From 2001 to 2005, of the 17,341 Hispanics killed in passenger vehicle traffic crashes, **58 percent were not using their safety belts.** Historically, Hispanic male teenagers travel fewer vehicle miles than their non-Hispanic counterparts, but they are nearly twice as likely to die in a motor vehicle crash.

The enclosed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Safety Clergy Kit for July through September is designed to provide you with materials to help stop preventable tragedies in your community. We appreciate your continued support in spreading traffic safety messages, helping educate families about making good decisions as both drivers and passengers.

In this quarter, the messages highlight impaired driving and summer traffic safety concerns. Driving distractions, teen driving issues, and back to school safety topics are also included to share with your congregation.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for July through September 2008
- Pastor/Priest Notes for a Traffic Safety Sermon Message
- Weekly Safety Reminders
- Sunday School Activity

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](http://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