



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:

From October through December, there are many fun holidays and celebrations. Sadly, the festivities often end with bad decisions – like drinking and driving. Those reckless, dangerous drivers create an increased risk for traffic crashes for themselves and everyone on the road with them. In 2006, **40 percent** of the Hispanic drivers killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes were alcohol-impaired! Please help us reach out to families in our community with life-saving traffic safety messages, starting with your congregation.

You can help by being a voice for traffic safety, sharing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 6 Safety Clergy Kit of safety messages for October through December with your congregation and community.

In this quarter, the messages emphasize safe holiday travel, with important reminders about young drivers, impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, and other suggestions for responsible driving. Plus, you'll find a Sunday school word find activity for teens.

The Clergy Kit contains:

- Church Bulletin Safety Announcements for October - December 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