

*“A promise to protect ...  
a pledge to heal”*



*“I want to assure you of my daily prayer for all of those who have been harmed by sexual predators in our Church. With a great sense of remorse for the mistakes of the past, but with a determination to do all we can now and in the future, I ask you to join me in prayer for all who have suffered from this tragedy, prayers that strengthen our resolve to do our best to protect our most precious asset, the children and young people of our Diocese.”*

BISHOP WILLIAM MURPHY  
BISHOP OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



May hope rise  
within you.  
May peace wash  
over you.

—CHARLENE COSTANZO

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*“Come forward.*

*Call somebody. Tell somebody.*

*There’s counseling out there.*

*There’s help out there.*

*There’s peer support out there.*

*Just come forward.*

*It’s okay. You’re not alone.*

— CHARLES BAILEY

“IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS”

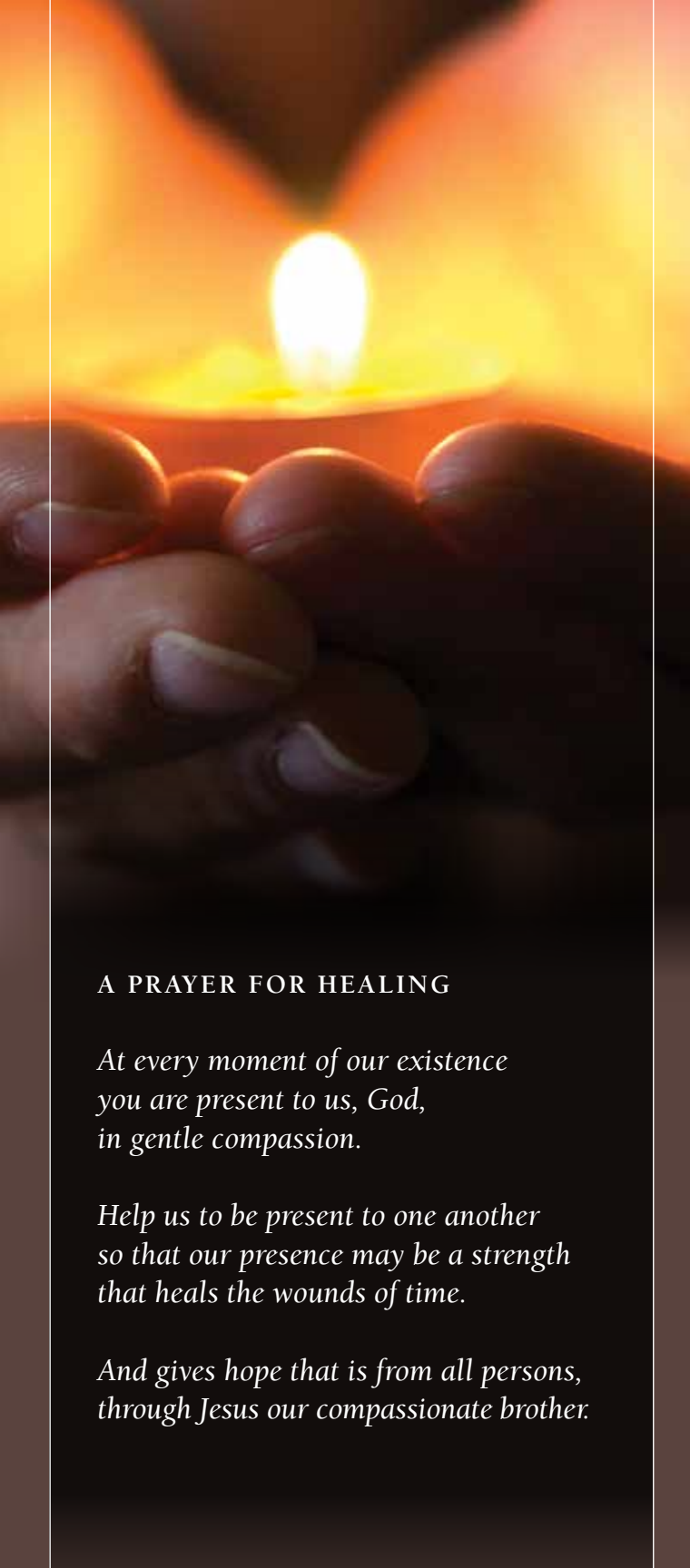
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## HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

**TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE** involving diocesan personnel, priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or churches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please call our confidential hotline number:  
**1-516-594-9063**

**IF YOU SUSPECT** a child or vulnerable adult is being – or has been abused, call the New York State Hotline phone number: **1-800-342-3720**

**If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911.**



## A PRAYER FOR HEALING

*At every moment of our existence  
you are present to us, God,  
in gentle compassion.*

*Help us to be present to one another  
so that our presence may be a strength  
that heals the wounds of time.*

*And gives hope that is from all persons,  
through Jesus our compassionate brother.*

## VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

You have told someone about the abuse you experienced. You have taken what may be the first step of speaking the truth of your experience. You no longer need to feel ashamed. Your courage and strength are admired. Your pain is respected.

Your healing can begin.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre offers outreach, healing and pastoral care to those who have been abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or volunteer.

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### SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

*supportive counseling*

*referrals for therapy*

*spiritual guidance and  
other resources for support.*

*In addition, the coordinator will schedule  
meetings between those who have been  
abused and the Bishop.*

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If you wish assistance, please contact the Diocesan Hotline number at 516-594-9063. A licensed mental health professional will return your call as soon as possible. Your call will remain confidential.

*“My prayer is ... to offer a perspective on  
the One whose story is the central word  
for life, the One whose abuse on the cross  
gives perspectives and directions for deal-  
ing with all the abuses each of us faces  
in a fallen world. With sadness and joy, I  
invite you to join this quest ...”*

—DR. DANIEL ALLENDER: THE WOUNDED HEART



*“We continue to have a special care for and  
a commitment to reaching out to victims of  
sexual abuse and their families ...”*

— PREAMBLE: CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION  
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