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Bullying

(Yes, even in our churches)

There are three types of bullying - physical, verbal and emotional. Mostly bullying is subtle and usually coercive. Bullying may occur whenever people (of almost any age) interact with each other and there is a need for power. It is known that there is an increase in suicide by persons that are bullied.

What can the church community do?

"Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's

eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" Luke 6:41

1. Acknowledge that bullying occurs, from classroom to vestry.
2. Seek out reliable information, such as [Stop Bullying Now](#)
 - o Features [bulletin insert](#) ready for use
 - o Tips for adults and kids to help when there is a bullying situation
3. Hold an adult forum - most communities have excellent resources, such as the school system and counseling organizations. Don't forget to check with your Diocese for resources!
4. Have your location designated as a 'safe space'. What do you need to do to ensure this?
5. Make sure all training is complete - each diocese has its own requirements.
6. Connect with the community.

Together, we can make a difference!

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