



Scripture

“For as the garden puts forth her blossom or bushes in the garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.” Isaiah 61:11 from the Breviary

“May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 from the Breviary.

Catechism

“What the Church is on a large scale, the family is on a small scale: an image of God’s love in human fellowship.” YOUCAT no. 271

Comment

Following the shock, outrage and distress caused by the deliberate abuse, torture and death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, governments, social services, police, schools and all organisations pertaining to the care of children and young people must act together to stop the persistent repetition of the murder of vulnerable children.

Organisation of the month

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children exists to help prevent the abuse of children and to provide support and counselling to assist in the healing process of those young people who have already experienced abuse. Visit www.nspcc.org.uk for further information.

Think, Pray, Act

Pray: that God the Father, in His infinite love for his Only-Begotten Son Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may, by the power of the Holy Spirit, help you in bringing comfort and consolation to the young who were so close to the heart of St. John Bosco.

Think: if you suspected that a child or young person was the victim of abuse, would you know how to report it and to whom?

Act: Visit www.nspcc.org.uk for more information about how you can support this organization.

“Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do.” St. John Bosco, Letter to Cagliari, November 13th 1875