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Human Trafficking

The elimination of human trafficking is a priority issue for the Catholic Church. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured. We each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters. The Vatican released a set of guidelines, or [pastoral orientations](#) to help the Catholic community eradicate trafficking.

The Catechism of the Church forbids acts that cause the enslavement of humans. During the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Church further stated “slavery, prostitution, the selling of women, and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as mere tools for profits rather than free and responsible persons are infamies and supreme dishonor to the creator.” (Gaudium et Spes, 1965).

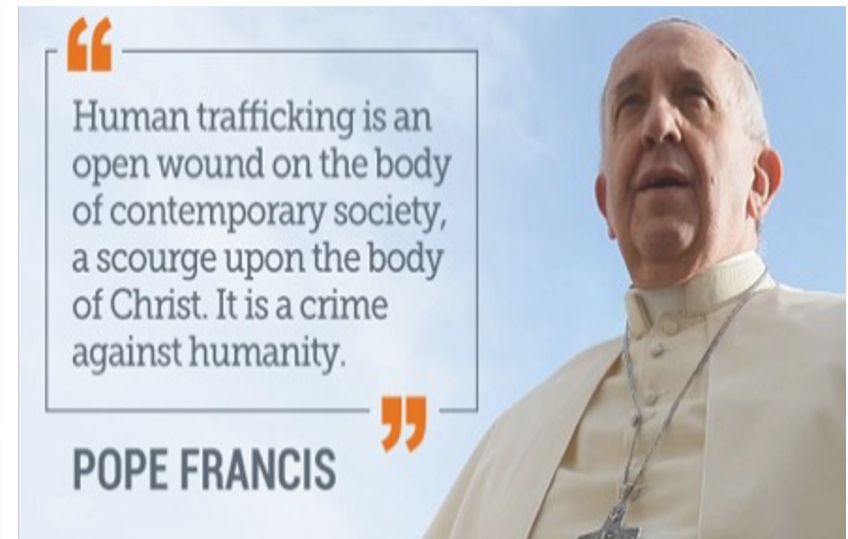
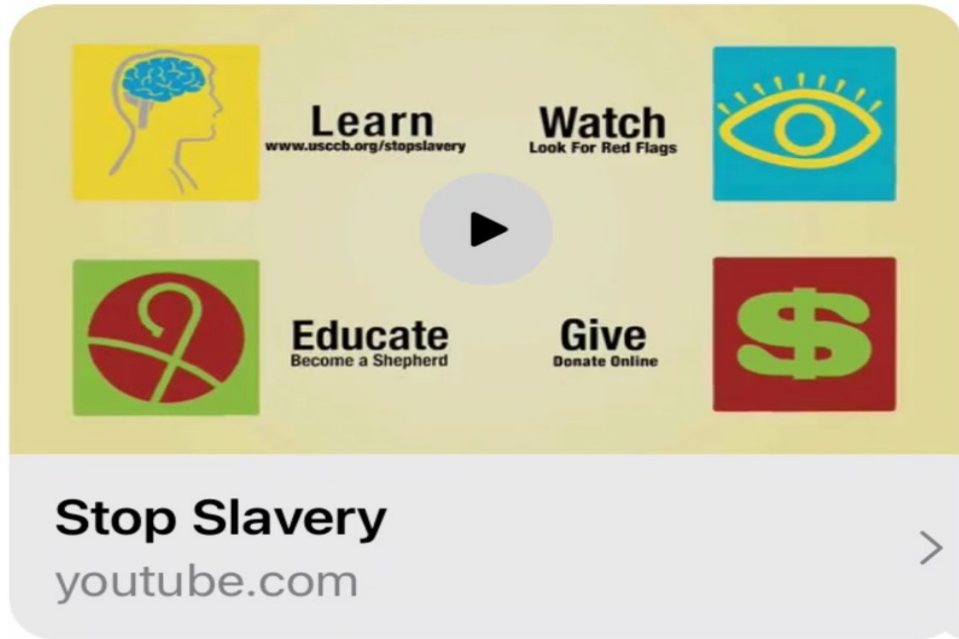
In 2014, Pope Francis stated during his Declaration on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: “[M]odern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.”

Men and women religious play an integral part in the battle against human trafficking. In 2001, 800 women leaders of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) passed a resolution dedicating one million members “to work in solidarity with one another within our own religious communities and in the countries in which we are located to address insistently at every level the abuse and sexual exploitation of women and children...”

The U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is the domestic response to this call.

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What is Human Trafficking?



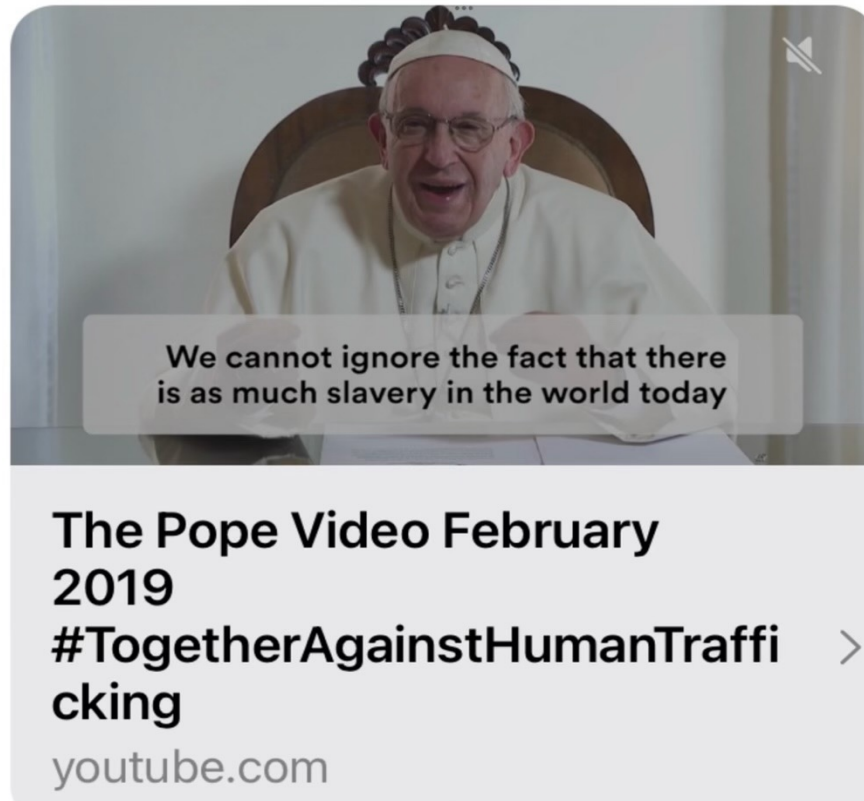
“Human trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person.

All efforts must be expended to end it.

In the end, we must work together—Church, state, and community—to eliminate the root causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth.”

- USCCB – On Human Trafficking

Pope Francis's Message on Human Trafficking



#togetheragainsthumantrafficking

If you see something suspicious or know someone who needs help,
call 911 or call the 24/7 National Human Trafficking hotline/helpline at

1-888-373-7888

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

CCDOC Human Trafficking Awareness Committee

The **Human Trafficking Awareness Committee** is a volunteer committee made up of individual lay and religious from the Charlotte Diocese. We are members of the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. We represent parishioners, Sisters of Mercy, retired law enforcement, victim advocates and parents who want to make a difference in our community to bring attention to this fast-growing criminal industry.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to pray, educate, engage and empower Catholic communities to advocate for an end to human trafficking.

We believe that every human being has a basic right to live free of exploitation and enslavement, and we will strive to provide opportunities for the Catholic community to engage in prevention and awareness programs to gain a better understanding of how to identify and prevent this heinous crime.

To reach us and learn more about how you or your parish can take part, please contact:



Strengthening Families. Building Communities. Reducing Poverty.

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Catholics Against Human Trafficking

Resources for Prevention & Awareness

- ❖ The '[Become A Shepherd](https://www.usccb.org/topics/anti-trafficking-program)' Toolkit is a parish resource guide to educate and provide handouts, literature, prayers, bulletin posts and more on human trafficking. <https://www.usccb.org/topics/anti-trafficking-program> and [Become A Shepherd](https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/) Power Point Presentation: <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/> Scroll down to 'SHEPHERD presentation'.
- ❖ A Pastoral Guide on Human Trafficking: The Vatican has issued a document regarding "Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking", with the aim of "understanding, recognizing, preventing, and eradicating the plague of the trafficking of persons, protecting the victims, and promoting the recovery of survivors. <https://brycs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Pastoral-Orientations-on-Human-Trafficking.pdf>
- ❖ US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Teaching Modules. Spanish also. <https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org/education/modules/>
- ❖ US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Labor Trafficking & Guides to Better Shopping: <https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-USCSAHT-HT-Human-Trafficking-Labor-Trafficking-ENG.pdf>
- ❖ Catholic Nuns Lead the Global Fight Against Human Trafficking | TODAY SHOW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xUzp6Vp2Aw>
A powerful news report on the fearless work of religious sisters fighting human trafficking around the globe.
- ❖ USCCB Human Trafficking resources <https://www.usccb.org/resources/stop-slavery> & Stop Slavery video <https://youtu.be/gOcheWILkXk>
- ❖ #EndSlavery is an initiative of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences to eradicate modern day slavery, as requested by Pope Francis in 2013. Go to <http://www.endslavery.va>
- ❖ Sisters of Divine Savior's Stop Enslavement monthly newsletter and resources can be found at <http://www.stopenslavement.org>
- ❖ The Pope Video [#TogetherAgainstHumanTrafficking](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfiQvOOK8lg), Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfiQvOOK8lg>
- ❖ 2022 Parish Anti-Trafficking Toolkit <https://sistersagainsttrafficking.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/USCSAHT-JanFeb-Toolkit.pdf>
- ❖ Catholic Health Association website provides downloadable materials on ethical trade and human trafficking: (Spanish and English) <https://www.chausa.org/human-trafficking/overview>
- ❖ Slavery behind our sugar documentary featuring Father Christopher Hartley who exposes slave labor in the Dominican Republic: 'Price of Sugar' <https://www.wilderutopia.com/international/humanity/dominican>
- ❖ Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Anti-Slavery movement and projects : <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/slavery-and-human-trafficking>
- ❖ CRS Social Teaching video & dignity of workers: <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-dignity-work-and-rights-workers>
- ❖ Learn how to shop to combat slavery by purchasing ethically made and Fair Trade goods and products: [CCDOC Ethical Trade Webpage](https://www.ccdoc.org/education):



The above resources were compiled by the Charlotte Diocese Catholic Charities Human Trafficking Awareness Committee under the Office of Social Concerns & Advocacy. For more information go to: www.ccdoc.org/education

USCCB Resources

Become a Shepherd Toolkit



The 'Become a Shepherd' toolkit is a parish resource guide to educate and provide handouts, literature, prayers, bulletin posts, images and more on human trafficking awareness.

<https://www.usccb.org/topics/anti-trafficking-program>

Engaging Your Parish Resources: (English & Spanish) <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/>

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking>

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/administrative/become-shepherd>

USCCB Resources

ENGLISH



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PROTECT, HELP, EMPOWER AND, RESTORE DIGNITY

Indicators of Human Trafficking *Let's not Ignore the Signs*

Signs of being controlled:

- Has no form of formal identification, such as a passport, license, state ID
- Unable to leave job or residence
- Has limited contact with family and friends
- Not in control of their own finances
- Is under 18 and provides commercial sex acts
- At any age unwillingly provides commercial sex acts
- Is afraid of law enforcement or receiving help
- In a relationship with someone who is dominating
- Never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf

Signs of trauma:

- Inconsistent details when telling their story
- Seems anxious, fearful or paranoid; avoids eye contact
- Tearfulness or signs of depression
- Unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse
- Is evasive or unable to answer questions about where they live

TAKE ACTION

If you or someone you know has experienced any of these indicators, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at: 1.888.373.7888



SPANISH



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- Es mayor de edad y se ve obligado a proveer actos sexuales comerciales
- Teme a la policía o teme recibir ayuda
- Se encuentra en una relación con alguien que es dominante y controlador
- Nunca está solo y/o siempre tiene a alguien traduciendo o respondiendo preguntas en su nombre

Señales del trauma:

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TOME ACCIÓN

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USCCB Resources

Identifying and Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking

As a service provider, you may have an opportunity to identify and assist a victim of human trafficking. These are some red flags:

- 🚩 Seems anxious, fearful or paranoid. Avoids eye contact.
- 🚩 Tearfulness or signs of depression.
- 🚩 Unexplained bruises or cuts or other signs of physical abuse.
- 🚩 Appears to be in a relationship with someone who is dominating.
- 🚩 Never is alone and/or always has someone translating or answering questions on their behalf.
- 🚩 Not in control of their own finances.
- 🚩 Presents with secrecy or unable to answer questions about where they live.
- 🚩 Inconsistent details when telling their story.
- 🚩 Has no identification such as a license, passport or other ID documents.
- 🚩 Inability to leave their job or residence. Says they cannot schedule appointments.
- 🚩 Being a recent arrival to the United States and does not speak English.
- 🚩 Is under 18 and providing commercial sex acts. Or at any age unwillingly providing commercial sex acts.
- 🚩 Is afraid of law enforcement or receiving help from an outside entity.

If you can find an opportunity to get them alone, ask them the following screening questions:

- ❓ Can you leave your job or house when you want?
- ❓ Where did you get those bruises or is anyone hurting you?
- ❓ Do you get paid for your employment? Is it fair? How many hours do you work?
- ❓ (If foreign national) How did you get to the U.S. and is it what you expected? Are you being forced to do anything you don't want to do?
- ❓ Are you or your family being threatened?
- ❓ Do you live with or near your employer? Does your employer provide you housing? Are there locks on doors or windows from outside?
- ❓ Do you owe debt to anyone?

If you suspect they are a victim of human trafficking, take the following actions:

- 🕒 Ask the person if you can help them find a safe place to go immediately.
- 🕒 If they need time, create an action plan with them to get to a safe place when they are ready.
- 📞 Call and make a report to the human trafficking hotline at 1.888.3737.888. The hotline has language capabilities, so any individual can call directly if they choose.
- 🗣️ If you need more guidance, you can call and talk through the case with USCCB Anti-trafficking program staff at 202.541.3357.

Human Trafficking in the United States

Each year, as many as 17,000 vulnerable men, women and children are trafficked across our borders and then forced into slavery. Many are fleeing terrible situations in their home countries, and come to the United States to find a better life. Unfortunately, the nightmare often begins when they reach our shores.

What we do...For over a decade, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been a national leader in advocacy and education to eradicate sex and labor trafficking. For six years, USCCB and our partners provided intensive case management services to victims of human trafficking. Currently, the agency is concentrating on training and technical assistance so that victims can be identified, brought into safety, and ultimately we can help eradicate the horrible crime of modern day slavery.

Be part of the solution...

1. Be observant. Identify victims in your community and respond appropriately.
2. Be informed. Sign up for our web-based trainings and/or e-newsletter at: www.usccb.org/stopslavery.
3. Spread the word. Help us distribute posters and other resources in your community. For resources, contact us at 202.541.3357.

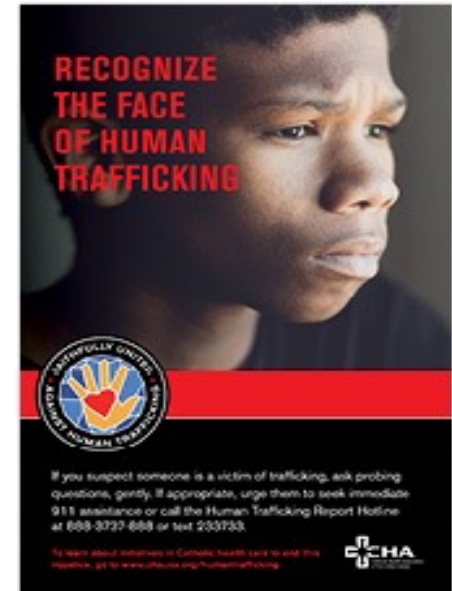
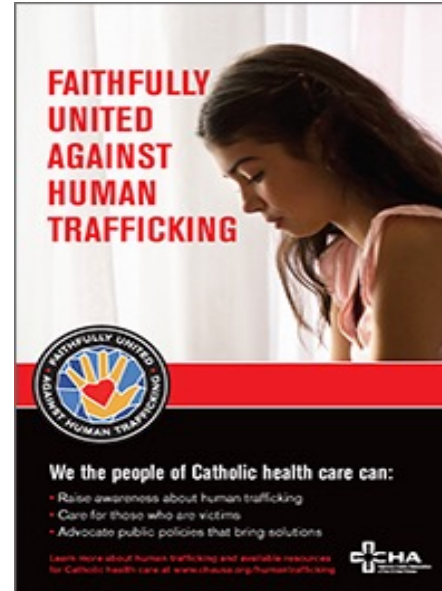
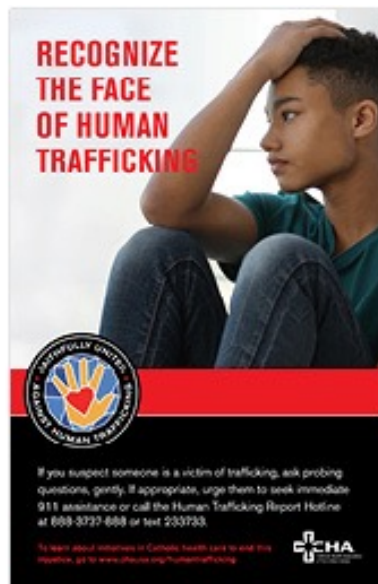
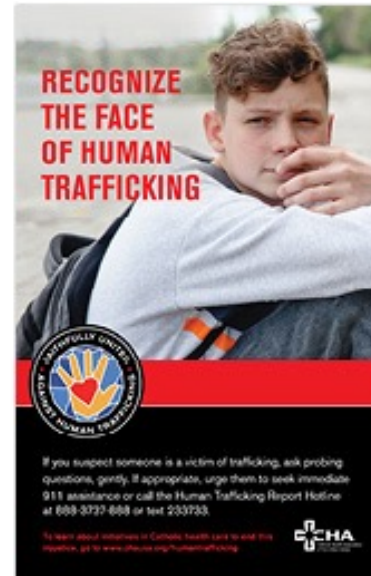
CHA Resources



The Catholic Health Association (CHA) provides posters as well as downloadable screening assessments to identify victims of human trafficking <https://www.chausa.org/store/products/Human-Trafficking>

Access all of CHA's information and resources at www.chausa.org.

Posters are available in English & Spanish



Catholic Educational Modules

Demand: What Men Can Do to Stop Sex Trafficking

Check Out USCSAHT's Educational Modules and engage in courageous conversations with other men about ending the demand for sex trafficking:

[Human Trafficking: Objectification of Women](#)

[Human Trafficking: Reducing Demand](#)

[Human Trafficking and Pornography](#)

[Human Trafficking and Major Sporting Events](#)

Engaging Men is the Key to Ending Sex Trafficking

Men are the main buyers of sex. If there was no more sex buying, there would be no more sex trafficking! What it will take to have men stop buying sex is to engage them so that they educate each other that the majority of prostituted people are victims of sex trafficking. Check out this video on the topic and hear from men who are leading this work: <https://youtu.be/aKYJI2KhSU8>

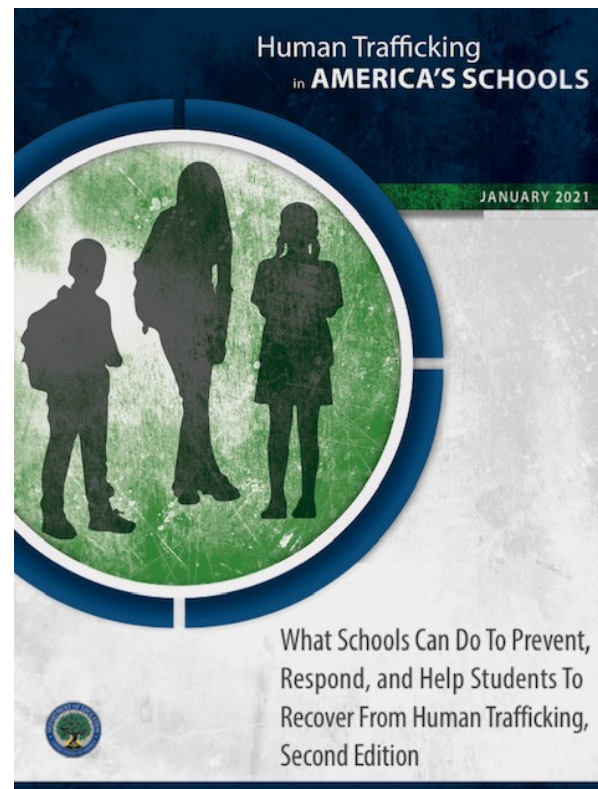
Men need to hold one another accountable to end the demand. Through God's Grace hosts discussion/work groups for Engaging Men in the Fight Against Human Trafficking. This is a work group for men who are leaders in engaging other men in the fight against human trafficking or for men who want to become leaders. Learn more at: www.throughGodsgrace.com

Resources for Educators

Combating Human Trafficking in America's Schools

The U.S. Department of Education stands ready to support America's schools in preventing, responding to, and helping students recover from human trafficking. It is fitting that schools take on this challenge; of all social institutions, schools are perhaps the best positioned to identify and report suspected trafficking and connect affected students to critical services.

To support schools' efforts to combat trafficking, the Department offers helpful resources for administrators, teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, caregivers, and students.



This report is available for free at:

<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-americas-schools.pdf>

Resources for Educators

TEACHING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ❖ Share the [US Dept of Education training manual](https://www2.ed.gov/documents/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-americas-schools.pdf) with educators and schools. It covers child labor and sex trafficking: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/human-trafficking/human-trafficking-americas-schools.pdf>
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign training materials, [Human Trafficking of Children in the United States: A Fact Sheet for Schools](#) — This resource from the U.S. Department of Education provides an overview of human trafficking and how it affects schools.
- ❖ Human Trafficking Assessment Tool for Educators: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources/human-trafficking-assessment-tool-educators> and <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/sites/default/files/Educator%20Assessment%20Tool.pdf>
- ❖ Human trafficking Awareness presentation for Educators: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/resources/human-trafficking-awareness-educators>
- ❖ Learn the signs to identify a victim and report any suspicious behavior to **1-888-3737-888 - National Human Trafficking Resource Center**. Call this number to report an anonymous tip, to get help, or to connect with a service provider in your area. Even undocumented immigrants are eligible for services and assistance. For more info, visit the National Human Trafficking Resource Center online at <https://polarisproject.org>
- ❖ Provide training for service providers (schools – even bus drivers, mental health services, outreach, shelter and even food pantry workers) to look for signs of human trafficking and child trafficking and what to do if they suspect someone is being trafficked by visiting: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/id/index.htm> or child trafficking indicators: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/factsheet.pdf>
- ❖ Subscribe to national organizations that educate and provide updates on trafficking concerns: <https://polarisproject.org>, <http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org> and <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/human-trafficking>
- ❖ Host a speaker at your organization or group. Contact your local FBI for community outreach presentations on human trafficking and internet safety/cybercrimes.
- ❖ Download human trafficking materials from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services **Rescue & Restore Campaign**, leaflets, hotline cards and videos to provide at an information table or discussion: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/rescue-campaign> or order from the Homeland Security Blue Campaign: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/request-materials>.
- ❖ 67% of youth trafficked are lured online... Talk to your students about stranger danger, internet interactions with unknown people, dangerous gaming apps, pornography, human trafficking, date rape, sexual exploitation, sextortion, mall safety, online predators, etc. Subscribe to <http://www.cyberwise.org> for more information on cyber safety. Refer to a counselor.

Sponsored by NORTH CAROLINA Project No Rest:

- 30 sec video for the classroom '[Are you a victim of human trafficking?](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k90rPnuwNFY&feature=youtu.be>
- 7 minute general human trafficking Video PSA – [How victims are lured:](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD21t2kzkt5>

Spanish Resources



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The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers Discussion Guide in Spanish

CST 101 DIGNIDAD DEL TRABAJO Y DERECHOS DE LOS TRABAJADORES

Una guía de estudio y reflexión preparada por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) y Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

ORACIÓN INICIAL: Juntos, oren “Señor de todo trabajo”.

INTRODUCCIÓN Y SALUDOS

CONVERSEN:

Todos los hemos visto alguna vez: trabajadores jornaleros, pacientemente, esperan en gasolineras, en esquinas, frente al Home Depot, a que alguien los contrate. Cuando esto ocurre, hay alegría... Algo se podrá comer en la familia ese día. Cuando nadie “se los lleva”, como dicen a veces los familiares, se produce un problema y una incertidumbre.

- ¿Conocen o son familiares cercanos de alguna de estas personas? ¿Cómo se siente el no saber si va a haber trabajo en el día o no?

MIREN EL VIDEO: “CST 101: Dignidad del trabajo y derechos de los trabajadores” en YouTube.

OREN CON LA ESCRITURA:

Lean este pasaje de la Escritura dos veces. Inviten a los participantes a reflexionar en silencio después de leerlo por primera vez.

“Porque el Reino de los cielos se parece a un propietario que salió de madrugada a contratar obreros para trabajar en su viña. Trató con ellos un denario por día y los envió a su viña. Volvió a salir a media mañana, y al ver a otros desocupados en la plaza, les dijo: ‘Vayan ustedes también a mi viña, y les pagaré lo que sea justo’. Y ellos fueron. Volvió a salir al mediodía y a media tarde, e hizo lo mismo. Al caer la tarde, salió de nuevo y, encontrando todavía a otros, les dijo: ‘¿Cómo se han



Photo courtesy of Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS

Mire **más allá** de la superficie

LA TRATA DE PERSONAS ES UNA FORMA MODERNA DE ESCLAVITUD

Todo menor de edad que sea inducido a realizar actos sexuales comerciales es víctima de la trata de personas. Los menores de edad que son obligados a trabajar contra su voluntad (por ejemplo, en trabajo agrícola, servicio doméstico o fábricas) son víctimas de la trata de personas.

Existen varios servicios disponibles para las víctimas menores de edad, lo que incluye viviendas seguras, atención médica, inmigración, alimentos, ingresos, empleo, asistencia legal e interpretación. Pero, primero, es necesario identificar a las víctimas.

Para obtener más información sobre la trata de personas, visite www.acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking.

Si sospecha que un menor de edad podría ser víctima de la trata de personas, llame a la **Línea Nacional Contra la Trata de Personas** al **888-373-7888**.



Go to <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip>

English/Spanish



For information, materials and posters, go to <https://projectnorest.org/en-espanol/>



¿Qué es la trata de personas?



Capacitación: Aspectos básicos de la trata de personas

¿Qué es la trata de personas?

La trata de personas es la esclavitud moderna, e involucra el uso de fuerza, fraude o coacción para obtener algún tipo de trabajo o acto sexual con fines de lucro. En todo el mundo, hay miles de hombres, mujeres y niños víctimas de trabajos forzados y de la industria de la prostitución. Muchas de estas víctimas dejan sus hogares atraídas por promesas falsas de trabajos bien pagados; en cambio, mediante la fuerza o coacción, deben someterse a la prostitución, a la servidumbre doméstica o a otros tipos de trabajos forzados. Las víctimas se encuentran en industrias legítimas e ilegítimas, incluidos talleres de explotación obrera, salones de masajes, campos de cultivos, restaurantes, hoteles y servicio doméstico.

La trata de personas es distinta del tráfico humano. La trata de personas se basa en la explotación del ser humano, y no requiere cruces fronterizos ni ningún tipo de transportación.

¿Quiénes son las víctimas? ¿Quiénes están en peligro?

Las víctimas de la trata de personas pueden ser de cualquier edad, raza, género o nacionalidad. Pueden ser hombres o mujeres, jóvenes o ancianos, estadounidenses o extranjeros, con o sin situación migratoria legal.

Los tratantes se aprovechan de víctimas con escasa o ninguna red de protección social. Buscan a personas vulnerables debido a su situación migratoria ilegal, dominio deficiente del inglés, y quienes podrían estar en condiciones vulnerables debido a problemas económicos, inestabilidad política, desastres naturales, o demás causas.

Los indicadores mencionados son tan solo algunas señales que podrían advertirle acerca de una posible situación de trata de personas. Sin embargo, no existe un indicador en particular que constituya prueba irrefutable de la trata. Si sospecha que alguien podría ser víctima de trata de personas, por favor, llame a la línea para informantes de la Oficina de Investigaciones de Seguridad Nacional del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos (*Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] Homeland Security Investigations [HSI]*) al 1-866-347-2423. También puede realizar denuncias en línea en el sitio web www.ice.gov/tips.

Para comunicarse con una organización no gubernamental para obtener información y ayuda en forma confidencial las 24 horas, llame al Centro Nacional de Recursos contra la Trata de Personas (*National Human Trafficking Resource Center*) al 1-888-373-888.

¿Cómo puedo identificar la trata de personas?

Por lo general, la trata de personas está “oculta a simple vista”. Hay ciertas señales o indicadores que pueden alertarlo sobre situaciones de trata. Reconocer estas señales es el primer paso para identificar a las víctimas.

Algunas señales que podrían indicar situaciones de víctimas potenciales incluyen:

Conducta o estado físico:

- ¿La víctima muestra signos de temor, ansiedad, depresión, sumisión, tensión, o nerviosismo/paranoia?
- ¿La víctima deja que otra persona hable por ella?
- ¿La víctima muestra señales de abuso físico o sexual, restricciones físicas, confinamiento o tortura?
- ¿La víctima ha sido lesionada o privada de alimento, agua, sueño, atención médica o demás necesidades básicas?
- ¿La víctima tiene muy pocos bienes materiales o ninguno?

Conducta social:

- ¿La víctima puede contactarse libremente con amigos o familiares?
- ¿La víctima tiene permitido socializar o asistir a servicios religiosos?
- ¿La víctima tiene libertad de movimiento?
- ¿La víctima o su familia ha recibido amenazas de daño si la víctima intenta escapar?

Condiciones laborales y situación migratoria:

- ¿La víctima trabaja jornadas excesivamente largas o en horarios inusuales?
- ¿La víctima es una persona joven involucrada en el comercio sexual?
- ¿La víctima fue reclutada para un propósito y forzada a realizar otra labor?
- ¿El salario de la víctima es retenido para saldar una deuda de tráfico ilícito? (El hecho en sí de saldar una deuda por tráfico ilícito no se considera trata de personas.)
- ¿La víctima ha sido obligada a realizar actos sexuales?
- ¿La víctima ha sido amenazada con deportación o denuncia a las autoridades? ¿La víctima tiene en su poder los documentos de identificación personal y de viaje? Si no fuera así, ¿quién los tiene?

Víctimas menores de edad:

- ¿La víctima es una persona joven involucrada en el comercio sexual?

Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web:
www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign

Síguenos en Facebook
www.facebook.com/bluecampaign

For more Spanish materials:
<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/espanol>

Si sospecha que alguien puede ser víctima de trata de personas, por favor,



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

LÍNEA NACIONAL CONTRA LA TRATA DE PERSONAS

La trata de personas es la esclavitud moderna, y está sucediendo aquí en los Estados Unidos.

1-888-373-7888

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www.HumanTraffickingHotline.org

help@humantraffickinghotline.org

Intérpretes Disponibles

LLAME PARA:

1. *Obtener ayuda.*
2. *Reportar un caso posible.*
3. *Conectar con servicios.*
4. *Conocer sus opciones.*

Las víctimas son forzadas a trabajar o prostituírse en distintos ámbitos como:

TRATA SEXUAL

Hoteles
Salones de Masaje
Prostitución Forzada en la Calle
Burdeles Residenciales
Paradas de Camiones
Servicios de acompañamiento

TRATA LABORAL

Trabajo Doméstico
Agricultura
Venta Ambulante (como grupos de venta de revistas)
Servicios de salud o belleza
Restaurantes
Construcción

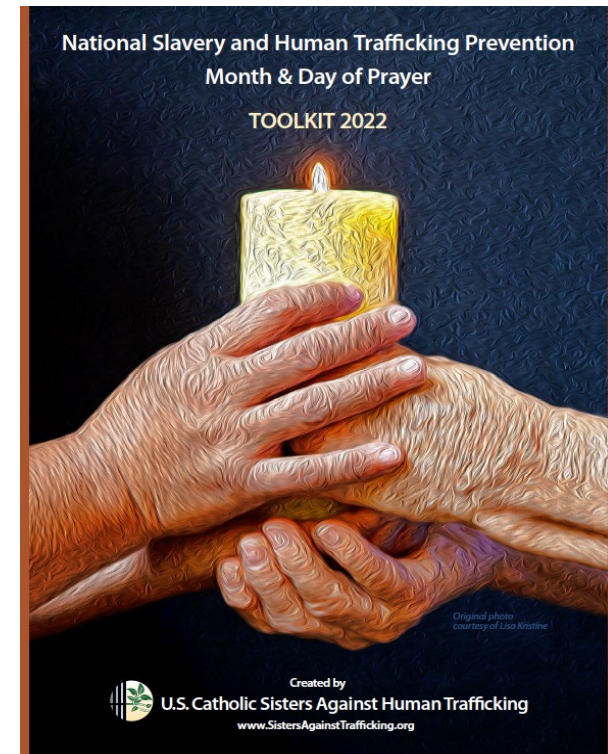
Prayers

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month!
The [Toolkit](#) has Prayers, Reflections and Faith Resources on page 15 to 20

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month and February 8th is the World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking. [Download a copy of our Toolkit HERE](#) and get your local church or community involved!

Each year, Charlotte Diocese Human Trafficking Awareness Committee partners with the Catholic Coalition of Organizations Against Human Trafficking to bring awareness and education to the community. Together, we can combat this heinous crime. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking will hold a variety of webinars during this month.

Contact katie@sistersagainstrafficking.org for details on the next one!



Prayer Services

List of Prayers & Prayer Services

CRS Prayer Walk to End Human Trafficking:

https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/trafficking_solidarity_vigil_final_draft_1.pdf

<https://catholiccharities.org/help-victims-of-trafficking-heal/>

<https://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/upload/M7-266-Josephine-Bakhita-Prayer-Card.pdf>

USCCB Prayer to End Human Trafficking:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-end-trafficking>

Also in *Spanish*:

<https://www.usccb.org/es/prayers/oracion-por-el-fin-del-trafico-humano>

Suggested Intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful

Please choose some of the following to be included among the intercessions in your parish during the February 8th World Day of Prayer & Action Against Human Trafficking.

Response: We Pray to the Lord or God of Hope, Set us Free.

The Pope, Bishops, and Catholic Faithful

- For Pope Francis, that our Heavenly Father may gift him with wisdom as he calls the Church to reject the inherent evil of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord.
- For our Bishop Jugis, that he may be encouraged by our prayers to lead God's people in building a culture that respects human dignity, we pray to the Lord.
- For the bishops, that they continue to be leaders in the fight against modern-day slavery, both domestically and abroad, we pray to the Lord.
- For our priests and deacons, that they may boldly proclaim Church teaching on human dignity and the Church's teaching on human trafficking, we pray to the Lord.
- For our religious sisters and brothers, that God inspire them with the continued commitment to fight the evil of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord.
- For all Catholics, that God inspire them to take action in their local communities to support and protect survivors of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord.

Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking

- For everyone who is trapped in a situation of slavery, that God will help to liberate them from their chains, we pray to the Lord.
- For an end to human trafficking, that the dignity of all of God's children will be protected, we pray to the Lord.
- For those caught up in a situation of human trafficking, that their perpetrators be brought to justice and that they might find a path to healing, we pray to the Lord.
- For survivors of traffic, that God guide them to a path down which they might find wholeness and peace, we pray to the Lord.
- For survivors of human trafficking, that they might find the support they need to start a new life, we pray to the Lord.

Prayers



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For a higher quality version go to:

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O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.

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Prayer for the Victims



Loving Father,

We seek your divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved.
For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom.

We beseech you to release them from their chains.

Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment.

Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning.

Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes.

Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Make us instruments of your spirit for their liberation.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

(From USCCB handout for [World Day of Peace 2015](#))



Daily Prayer

God of hope and peace, touch our hearts and energize our ongoing efforts in abolishing this heinous crime against humanity so that every victim is freed and every survivor's life renewed. You blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen the women, men and children who are in search of freedom.

(Say appropriate daily prayer)

We ask for transformation of heart for those who in pain, anguish and grief on our vulnerable sisters and brothers. Give us generosity to stand in solidarity with others so that together we heal the hearts and lives of all Your people.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.

For full month of daily prayers, go to:

<https://csjla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-HT-Prayer-Calendar.pdf>

Prayer for an end to human trafficking

God of freedom, beauty and truth
we believe that your deepest desire,
your most powerful energy,
is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer
for our sisters and brothers,
women and girls, men and boys,
who are modern day slaves;
They are your beloved daughters and sons,
exploited sexually or forced to work
because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion
that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice;
that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion;
that all of us might live in such a way
that others are not made to pay the price
for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people
and our precious Earth itself
will be treated, not as a commodity,
but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth.
Amen. May it be so.

– Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.

Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking

Oh God, we didn't see them.

But you did-

The hundreds and thousands of human beings
Trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in
modern-day slavery.

Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plow fields,
harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes and haul water.

Many are children with tiny fingers for weaving rugs
and small shoulders for bearing rifles.
Their labor is forced, their bodies beaten, their faces hidden
from those who don't really want to see them.

But you see them all, God of the poor.
You hear their cry and you answer
by opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts
and loosening our tongues to insist:

No más. No more.

AMEN

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

January 31 - Feb 8

St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day February 8th

“Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!” St Josephine Bakhita

FIRST DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you were taken from your family at an early age and lost your entire identity. We pray for all those children who have been abducted and for their parents and families who suffer not knowing what has become of them. May they be comforted, and may they one day be reunited. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SECOND DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you knew what it was to be a slave, to have no rights, to have lost even your name. We pray for the victims of people traffickers and all those in any kind of slavery. May this evil be wiped out from our world. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

THIRD DAY:

Dear St Josephine, one of your ‘owners’ had your whole body scarred. You knew this terrible pain. We pray for all victims of torture. Help them to heal in body, mind and spirit. May all governments abandon this practice. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

FOURTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, even in the terrible suffering of your life, you saw beauty in the world and believed there must be God because of that beauty. May we too have something of your love for beauty and the natural world. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

FIFTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, when the family which had rescued you wanted you to leave the Canossians, you had the courage to refuse, even though you were truly grateful to them. Help us to put God’s will above all things, even above our natural affections. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SIXTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you were so grateful to know God and to be part of his Church that you often kissed the baptismal font. May we never take for granted the faith we have been offered and give us something of your humility and gratitude for all God does. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SEVENTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, your sufferings gave you a great compassion for others and you were constantly smiling and always open to those who came to you, no matter how inconvenient it was. St Josephine, may we have something of your sweetness and openness, something of your joy. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

EIGHTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, in your last painful illness you relived your slavery, begging the nurse to loosen your chains. We pray for all those who are weighed down by pain, and we ask that we too may enter the sufferings of our lives in faith and knowledge that God has not abandoned us. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

NINTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, your last words were “Our Lady, Our Lady”. May we too know the comfort of the Mother of God, now and at the hour of our death. We pray especially for (add your intention). Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

St. Josephine Bakhita

Feast Day Feb 8th



Feast day: February 8

Patron: of Sudan

Birth: 1869

Death: February 8, 1947

Beatified: May 17, 1992 by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: Oct 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II

February 8 Feast Day of St. Bakhita



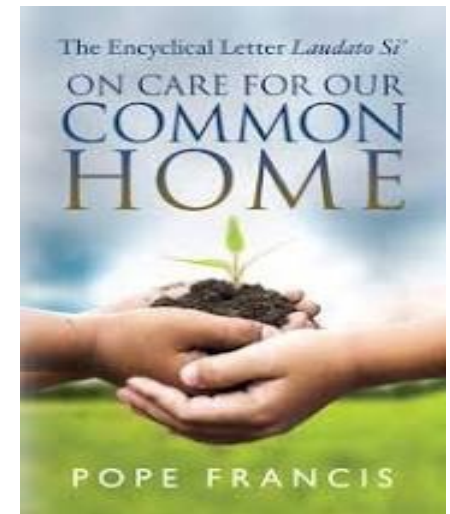
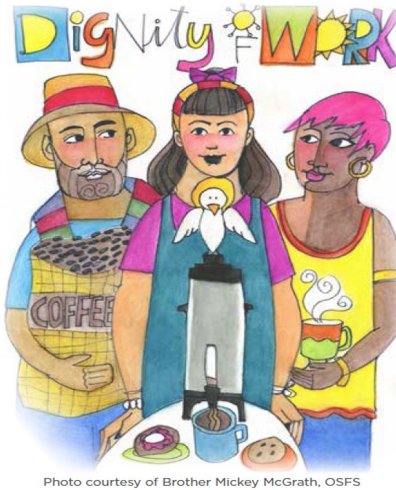
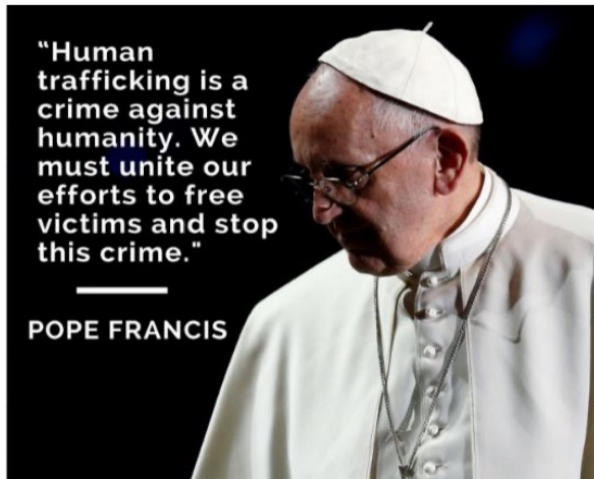
Over 70 years ago, St. Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of Sudan and victims of trafficking, passed away. On February 8th, we pray for those who have been victims of #slavery & #trafficking.

- Today, we celebrate a Day of #Prayer for victims of #humantrafficking & #slavery as we remember and celebrate the incredible life of Saint Bakhita. @uscsahtraffic
- St. Bakhita survived slavery and persevered. Once she gained freedom, Josephine became a Canossian sister. She dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. In her honor, we recognize February 8th as a Day of #Prayer for victims of **#humantrafficking**.

On February 8th, Catholics around the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to generate greater awareness about human trafficking. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

As Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle stated, *"On [February 8th], we will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors. If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."*





Catholic Resources on Human Trafficking



<https://ccd.org/wp-content/uploads/FAIR-TRADE-PDF-HOME-PAGE.pdf>

<https://ccd.org/wp-content/uploads/HT-All.pdf>

Catholic Resources on Ethical Trade



Catholic Resources on Creation Care



<https://ccd.org/careofcreation>

National Hotline & Posters

If you see something... Say something

If you see something suspicious or know someone who needs help,
do not hesitate to call 911 or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline/Helpline
at **1-888-373-7888**

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>



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Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

“How I wish that all of us would hear God’s cry:

“Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour?

Let us not look the other way.

There is greater complicity than we think.”

— Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis

Posts & Bulletin Inserts

Is there Suffering Behind Your Holiday Gifts?

Learn to purchase and consume ethically to care for the most vulnerable of our Brothers and Sisters...

When we shop, are we supporting slavery? Is there destruction to the environment? These are questions that are starting to weigh on many of us as we hear more about the prevalence of slavery in our world. Think about the hands that created your clothes or harvested your food. Were they children? Did they suffer? How much pollution and waste was produced in the manufacturing process?

In order to produce goods cheaply and quickly, companies may be giving up ethical and environmental measures to meet the demand for cheaper products. Ethical or fair trade represents an employment or trade relationship based on the treatment of workers, artisans and farmers, providing fair wages, safer working conditions and consideration to the community and environment.

What can we as Catholics do?

Shop with businesses that are certified 'Fair trade' or uphold ethical standards that secure the rights of workers, reduces poverty, promotes sustainable development and cares for the community's environment.

When consumers choose ethically sourced products, they create demand for more products that do not involve child labor and instead support the workers while providing safe and sustainable employment. When you shop for ethically produced products and goods, you help create that sustainability for workers.

These are things we want to consider as conscientious consumers.

We have the power to support greater causes through our purchases.

Learn more: US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking October News Article:

'How Bad Can A Chocolate Pumpkin Be'?

https://sistersagainstrafficking.org/2022/10/october-2022-monthlyreflection/?fbclid=IwAR37NV8tOjzuHcCYkMzZjTwkO28D17iALO3RWvib_vj69NF9VJNz7b9vrM

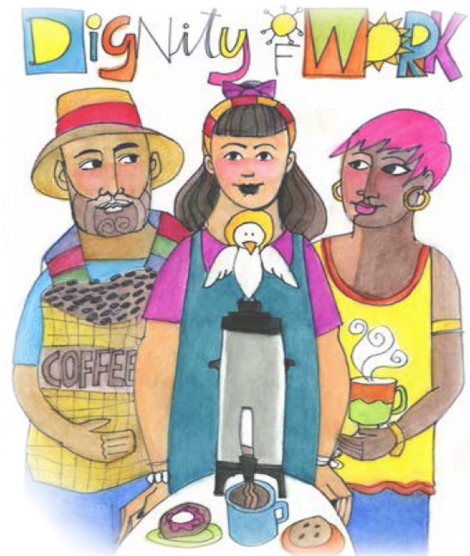


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***"Purchasing is always
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- Pope Benedict XVI



To learn about Ethical Shopping, check out the CCDOC Ethical & Fair-Trade Webpage QR Code:

Bulletin Post

October is Fair Trade Month

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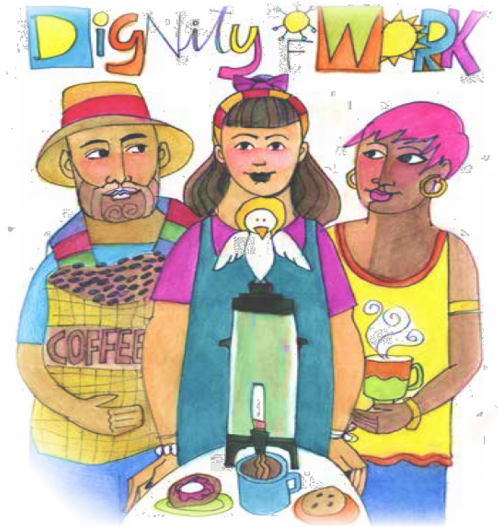


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Bulletin Inserts

From US Catholic Sisters Against Trafficking

January – Respect for the Dignity of persons is a principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

February – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patronness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

March – Learn about *Labeling for Lent*, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

April – Slavery is far from over as pimps and traffickers sell people and buyers continue to buy. It is a worldwide, criminal business of which we all need to work against. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

May – Catholic Health Association, St. Louis, offers a variety of free resources that may be of interest to the parish; Don't forget the National Human Trafficking toll free help line into Washington – 888-373-7888. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

June – Trafficking is a crime that can happen in front of our eyes and traffickers are never on vacation. Be alert to children who may be potential targets for traffickers. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

July – Check to see if there are safe houses in your area that serve survivors of trafficking. Staff in these residences help to restore the lives of survivors and can use your support. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

August – Are you aware of trafficking in your state? Do you know your state laws that protect victims? Invite a member of your state legislature to talk about laws or law enforcement to share his/her experiences with trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

September – Many victims of human trafficking are students. No community, school, or socioeconomic group is immune. Cases of child trafficking are found in every area of the country, rural, suburban, and urban settings alike. Be alert. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

October – Sexual exploitation of children has flourished during the pandemic. Classes online opened the door wide to predators and their grooming tactics. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

November – Give thanks that there are many organizations working to abolish human trafficking and that we, as a church are one of them, and can share resources with one another.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
(sistersagainstrafficking.org)

December – Do you know who suffers behind your favorite products? Shop ethically sourced or fair trade items to ensure no slavery is behind your favorite items. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



INSERTOS PARA BOLETÍN - Spanish

Enero - El respeto por la dignidad de las personas es un principio de la doctrina social católica y es ignorado por los traficantes que tratan a las personas como mercancías. Únase a nosotros para abolir este horrible crimen. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Febrero - El 8 de febrero es la fiesta de Santa Josefina Bakhita, patrona de los niños secuestrados y traficados. Las situaciones causadas por Covid-19 han llevado a los traficantes a estar en línea y fuera de la vista de las autoridades, haciendo que la explotación de los niños sea más conveniente. (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Marzo - Aprenda sobre el etiquetado para la Cuaresma, una iniciativa nacional de la Coalición de Organizaciones Católicas contra la Trata de Personas; que incluye temas de trata de personas en sus oraciones en la iglesia y con otros grupos; contribuir a ayudar a abolir este delito. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Abril - La esclavitud no está cerca de terminar, ya que los proxenetas y los traficantes venden personas y los compradores continúan comprando. Es un negocio criminal mundial en el que todos debemos trabajar. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

Mayo - La Asociación Católica para la Salud en St. Louis ofrece una variedad de recursos gratuitos que pueden ser de interés para la parroquia; No olvide la línea de ayuda gratuita en Washington: 888-3737-888. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Junio - La trata de personas es un delito que puede ocurrir frente a nuestros ojos y los traficantes nunca están de vacaciones. Esté alerta con los niños que pueden ser objetivos potenciales de los traficantes. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Julio - Verifique si hay residencias a su alrededor que sirvan a sobrevivientes de la trata. El personal de estas residencias ayuda a restaurar la vida de los supervivientes y pueden necesitar su apoyo. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Agosto - ¿Conoce usted la trata de personas en su estado? ¿Conoce las leyes de su estado que protegen a las víctimas? Invite a un miembro de la legislatura de su estado a hablar sobre las leyes o a un patrullero estatal para compartir sus experiencias con la trata. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

Septiembre - Muchas víctimas menores de edad de la trata de personas son estudiantes. Ninguna comunidad, escuela, o socioeconómico está inmune. Los casos de trata de niños se encuentran en todas las áreas del país, tanto en entornos rurales como urbanos y suburbanos. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (

Octubre - Es el momento de pedir dulces y engañar a las víctimas potenciales prometiéndoles algo que tal vez nunca puedan obtener por sí mismos. Es un hecho para los traficantes y una forma de hacer su dinero. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Noviembre - Agradezca que hay muchas organizaciones que trabajan para abolir la trata de personas y que nosotros, como iglesia, somos una de ellas y podemos compartir recursos entre nosotros. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Diciembre - Una donación para las Hermanas Católicas de los Estados Unidos puede marcar la diferencia en nuestros esfuerzos para enfrentar la pandemia de la trata de personas. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Bulletin Inserts

Bulletin or Social Media Post - For 1st or 2nd week in January **January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month ♦** **How Can Catholics Respond?**

In 2014, Pope Francis stated during his Declaration on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, “Modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.”

Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. To learn more, go to the USCCB Become a Shepherd page at <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd>.

Bulletin or Social Media Post – For 3rd or 4th week in January **Human Trafficking and Catholic Social Teaching**

Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Take part by hosting an educational table to heighten awareness of human trafficking.

For free publications, posters and materials on human trafficking, the Catholic Health Association in St. Louis, offers a variety of free resources that may be of interest to the parish.

Catholic Health Association (CHA) provides free posters: <https://www.chausa.org/store/products/Human-Trafficking>

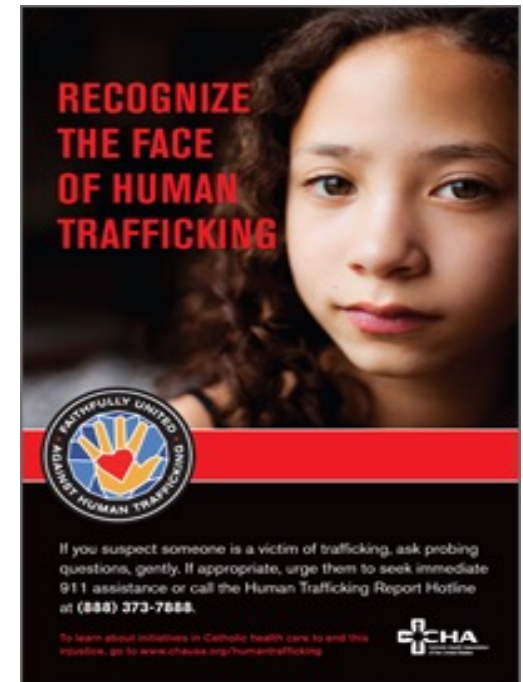
Don't forget the toll-free human trafficking help line: 888-3737-888.

Join us in abolishing this horrific crime.

#HumanTrafficking

Let us lift our voices
loudly in prayer,
hope, and love for
trafficking victims
and survivors.

BISHOP EUSEBIO ELIZONDO
OF SEATTLE



Christmas Gift Giving Article



Christmas and Alternative Gift Giving

The Christmas season has become a time of frenzied shopping and spending fueled by excessive commercialism. We want to have it all! But this consumerist lifestyle seems at odds with the true meaning of Christmas, so when we buy gifts, are we doing the right thing and what is the environmental and social impact?

As Catholics, we are called to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, not material things. Yet our consumption during this season creates over 25 million extra tons of trash. When we produce unmanageable waste, we are impacting the most vulnerable

on earth: the poor communities and those suffering injustices. Many who cannot afford clean water or sanitation are impacted, and indigenous lands are lost to development and progress. Pope Francis writes "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own, and consume," in his encyclical: *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*. His words urging us to better understand how our daily actions impact the world around us, and to open our eyes to how our excessive consumption burdens Earth, our air, water, and life within it. It may take courage to implement this realization in a meaningful way, but below are some ways to honor the birth of Christ and consider others and the earth during this special season.

Charity Gift Catalogs Many charities offer gift choices such as funding a child's education or buying livestock for a family. A Fort Mill-based organization called Give & Teach helps support families in Guatemala by building schools and homes:

<http://giveandteach.org>. Heifer International has a gift catalog that offers items ranging from baby chicks to a freshwater well. Visit their gift catalog: <https://www.heifer.org>.

Buy Fair Trade Sadly, forced labor conditions, including child labor, may exist in the supply chains of many of the products that we buy. In the race to produce goods cheaply and quickly, companies may sacrifice ethical and environmental measures. Fair Trade represents an employment or trade relationship based on the treatment of workers, artisans and farmers, providing fair wages, safer working conditions and consideration of the environment. Read product labels to help guide you in seeking ethically sourced products that support the people and the environment.

Catholic Relief Services & Fair Trade

About 500 Catholic organizations host sales of handicrafts from around the world through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and its partner, SERRV, a nonprofit fair trade organization benefiting impoverished craftsman around the world by helping them out of poverty by providing sustainable trade opportunities. Visit their Ethical Trade Shopping Guide to shop ethically traded goods <https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/guide/>. To learn more about purchasing fair trade items or hosting a fair-trade sale, visit <https://www.serrv.org>

Gifts made by Survivors Search for companies that support victims of violence and trafficking. Many rescued victims of trafficking must find work and build skills to survive and to avoid falling back into the hands of abuse and forced labor. They often do this by selling handcrafted goods. Here is an organization that trains and employs survivors to design and create beautiful jewelry and clothes. <https://www.fashionandcompassion.com>

Adventure Gifts Give an experience that will offer exposure to nature, science or family time. Horseback riding lessons, flight lessons, museum or park membership, zip-lining and music lessons can be memory-making gifts!

Consumable Gifts Provide a homemade dish or treat wrapped in a reusable container. Avoid plastic containers and packaging and instead wrap in a reusable tea towel and top with a twig of evergreen or for an organic touch. Natural elements are attractive and naturally biodegradable and can be found on our daily walks through nature or in our back yard. Take only what you need, and be aware not to disturb natural habitats or harm endangered species.

Eco-friendly Gifts As you shop year-round, avoid single-use items, avoid plastic, shop local, buy package-free and choose organically made, ethically sourced products. For deliveries, make sure the shipping material is recyclable and eco-friendly.

We have the power to support greater causes through our purchases. So, live a bit more simply, consume to aid others and the environment, and give gifts that make a difference.



Goat Image provided by Heifer International. Gift from Pinterest
Seeking permission

INTERNET SAFETY

(Supplied from the FBI website) <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/cac>

Online Child Exploitation

- Discuss internet safety with children of all ages when they engage in online activity.
- Review and approve games and apps before they are downloaded.
- Make sure privacy settings are set to the strictest level possible for online gaming systems and electronic devices.
- Monitor your children's use of the Internet; keep electronic devices in an open, common room of the house.
- Check your children's profiles and what they post online.
- Explain to your children that images posted online will be permanently on the Internet.
- Make sure children know that anyone who asks a child to engage in sexually explicit activity online should be reported to a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult and law enforcement.
- Remember that victims should not be afraid to tell law enforcement if they are being sexually exploited. It is not a crime for a child to send sexually explicit images to someone if they are compelled or coerced to do so.

For more child protection programs and FBI Safety ID, go to:

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/charlotte/community-outreach>

Child Abuse Awareness

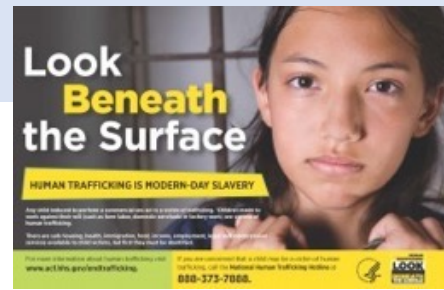
- Teach your children about body safety and boundaries.
- Encourage your children to have open communication with you.
- Be mindful of who is watching your child for childcare/babysitting, playdates and overnight visits.
- If your child discloses abuse, immediately contact local law enforcement for assistance.
- Children experiencing hands-on abuse may exhibit withdrawn behavior, angry outbursts, anxiety, depression, not wanting to be left alone with a specific individual, non-age appropriate sexual knowledge, and an increase in nightmares.

Victim Reporting

Reporting suspected sexual exploitation can help minimize or stop further victimization, as well as lead to the identification and rescue of other possible victims. If you believe you are—or someone you know is—the victim of child sexual exploitation:

- Contact your local law enforcement agency.
- Contact your [local FBI field office](#) or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.
- File a report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678 or online at www.cybertipline.org.

• For more information: <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/cac>



Catholic Campaigns

Human Trafficking at Sea: A Global Problem

#SolidaritywithSeafarers

What does Pope Francis say about maritime workers?

- Without seafarers, the global economy would come to a stand still
- Without fishermen, many parts of the world would starve
- We must listen to the spiritual & material concerns of seafarers and fishermen

Seafarers are key essential workers too!

#crewchangepcrisis #SeafarersAreKeyWorkers
#NeptuneDeclaration #NoShippingNoShopping



CNS photo/Paul Haring

Solidarity with Seafarers, Amistad Movement, & Labeling for Lent Campaigns

Each Lenten season, the US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking partner with JFI and other coalitions within the Catholic church to combat human trafficking at sea.

Learn more through the Labeling for Lent and Solidarity with Seafarers campaigns.

[The Amistad Movement](#), like the captives aboard the Amistad slave ship who revolted and won their freedom, the Amistad Movement seeks to empower immigrants in at-risk communities with educational tools to protect their own community members from falling victim to human trafficking.

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/anti-trafficking-program/amistad-movement>

For Seafarer Campaign information go to:

<https://brycs.org/compass/>

LENT CAMPAIGN

JFI, USCSAHT, & CCOAHT partner on this annual Lenten campaign:

Contact: Lisa Lungren Anti-trafficking Coordinator: llungren@usccb.org

Catholic Campaigns

Migration Mondays & Justice For Immigrants

(JFI) sends out Spanish and English materials every Monday. To subscribe, contact Tony Cube via email at: ACube@usccb.org

Website: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/join-us/>



For action alerts and more information, go to:
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week/>

Past Catholic Educational Modules

Cyber Safety: More Than Meets the Eye!

“A must watch for every parent...”

Watch now: <https://youtu.be/0HY9RHle4Zg>



About the Webinar:

Technology is not the enemy. But the reality is that our kid's vulnerabilities can and are being exploited online.

The worst-case scenarios have led to the crime of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST).

Hosted in January 2022 by US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

Presenter:

Russ Tuttle, President - The Stop Trafficking Project® Inc.

Russ uses his strengths of communication, leadership, team development, and compassion to combat the crisis of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST). Russ is an active member of several coalitions and task forces in Kansas and Missouri.

The vision of The Stop Trafficking Project® is to end domestic minor sex trafficking before it starts by disrupting the exploitation of vulnerability

Anti-Trafficking Calendar

- This Calendar can be uploaded from this page through the USCCB Become A Shepherd Program: USCCB Become A Shepherd Program for Catholic Events and News articles: <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/>
- or a leader guide and toolkit: [Become a Shepherd Toolkit](#).

- Please note that some events may shift dates year to year.

- For more information email: Mrssheperd@usccb.org



Anti-Trafficking Calendar

Host a parish-wide event, prayer service, or activity on one or several of these dates to raise awareness of human trafficking and to call for an end to the exploitation and abuse of our fellow brothers and sisters

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January	
Entire Month	National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
February	
1	National Freedom Day
8	Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita and the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking
April	
Second Week	National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)
May	
22	National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea
June	
12	World Day Against Child Labor
July	
30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
November	
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December	
2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
6	Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment
10	Human Rights Day
18	International Migrants Day



January 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Participate in **#WearBlueDay** on January 11!

Blue Campaign's #WearBlueDay raises awareness of human trafficking by inviting the public to take photos of themselves, friends, family, and colleagues donning blue clothing to share them on social media, along with the #WearBlueDay hashtag!

- Today I Wear Blue to help raise awareness about #humantrafficking. You can learn more about human trafficking and the Blue Campaign here: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign> **#WearBlueDay**

Wear blue clothing, snap a photo, and post it to social media using **#WearBlueDay** to raise awareness of human trafficking.

#WearBlueDay | January 11th



Follow @DHSBlueCampaign on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for more information about **#WearBlueDay** and Campaign efforts throughout the year.

February 8: International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Participate in a Day Long Prayer Marathon for World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

This virtual prayer service is sponsored by @TalithaKumRome featuring 50+ networks of Catholics and women religious around the world, working and praying to #endhumantrafficking. Follow @USCSAHTraffic (Twitter) or @SistersAgainstTrafficking (Facebook) for the links.

- Feb 8th we join together in #prayer to uplift the #PowerofCare in the work to #EndHumanTrafficking and #SupportSurvivors. @TalithaKumRome @USCSAHTraffic
- We pray for global cooperation to end the scourge of #HumanTrafficking and exploitative economies and instead work towards an economy of care. #CareAgainstTrafficking #PrayAgainstTrafficking @TalithaKumRome @USCSAHTraffic
- Share your prayer intentions on this World Day of Prayer Against #HumanTrafficking! Today I pray for _____ @USCSAHTraffic #PrayAgainstTrafficking



July 30 - World Day Against Trafficking

The United Nations sponsored campaign will raise awareness of human trafficking and highlight examples of tools to impede human trafficking and support survivors.

A **social media package** will be made available on including key messages, videos and visuals which aims to educate on the topic, share facts of the latest [Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#), explain the theme, raise awareness of the signs, share internet safety tips, and highlight best practice examples.

For you to create additional visuals to share your own content and best practice examples to impede trafficking and support victims, a Canva graphic design template will be added to the Trello.

We encourage everyone, Member States, NGOs, the private sector, all our partners, and stakeholders alike to join this year's campaign on the World Day Against Human Trafficking.



For Campaign details and resources, go to:
<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/endht/>