Human Trafficking – Take Action

“Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants.” – Louis Brandeis, 1913 Harper’s Weekly

- Learn how to identify human trafficking and how to provide assistance: http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/identifying-trafficking-victims.cfm
- If you are in the United States and believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, report your suspicions to law enforcement by calling 911 or the 24-hour National Human Trafficking Resource Center line at 1-888-373-7888.
- Trafficking victims, including undocumented individuals, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.

Pope Francis calls on us to begin "breaking the veil of indifference" concerning human trafficking

Our "first task" is "a strategy for ensuring greater awareness"

"A second great task is to act" & "defend"

"The key point... ...quality education from early childhood, to continue generating new opportunities for growth through employment"

Pope Francis ~ May 7, 2018 #EndHumanTrafficking


- Fight sex tourism by asking travel agencies, hotels and tour operators to sign the Code of Conduct for the Protections of Children in Travel and Tourism: http://www.thecode.org
• Meet with and/or write to your local, state, and federal government representatives to let them know you care about combating human trafficking, and ask what they are doing to address it: https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials

• **Support legislative action.** Sign up with the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for an easy way to engage Congress: [http://bit.ly/nacsignup](http://bit.ly/nacsignup)

• Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include modern slavery in their curricula. As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers target school-aged children: [https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools](https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/human-trafficking-americas-schools)

• Convene prayer gatherings with those in your faith community, with local interfaith organizations, and with the wider community for justice and healing for all those who have been affected by human trafficking.

• Raise awareness through email and social media.

• Hold workshops and informational meetings.

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God of Compassion and Hope:
We pray for all who are trafficked.
We pray for those living in situations where their innate dignity is not respected.
We pray for women and girls whose human rights are disregarded.
We pray for those who are in bonded labour or sold into domestic or sexual servitude.
Fill each of them with courage and strength to reach out for help.
Fill us with your compassionate love to respond fully.
Give us strength, give us courage and energy to work for change and to confront the great injustices created by trafficking.
God of Life - Give us hope!