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Briefing To Highlight the Nexus Between Human Trafficking and Forced Migration

Through Survivor Stories and the Voices of Those on the Ground

WHAT: You are invited to our virtual briefing on the intersection of human trafficking and migration, *"Forced Migration and the Threat of **Human** Trafficking."*

WHO: U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) and the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (NAC), faith-based networks that work to end human trafficking, will host the briefing to bring to light the increase of human trafficking in the United States and around the world, much of which results from unprecedented forced migration.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 14, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: This will be a virtual event. **Register at https://bit.ly/2023traffickingbriefing**

WHY: At a time when a record number of people are on the move, the United States is underprepared to address the threat human traffickers pose to those forced to leave their homes. While there is widespread consensus on the urgent need to combat human trafficking, there is little understanding of systemic, root causes, like forced migration, and the need to address the U.S. policies that may inadvertently facilitate the exploitation of migrants and immigrants by traffickers.

The U.S. State Department estimates that more than 70 percent of the persons trafficked in the United States each year are immigrants. It makes sense that people on the move or recently arrived are at particular risk of exploitation by human traffickers.

HOW: Learn more by joining us for a 60-minute virtual briefing that will explore the dangerous link between forced migration and human trafficking. Hear first-hand accounts from a migrant survivor of human trafficking and women religious who accompany migrants facing dangers posed by human traffickers. **Listen** as they share their experiences and use their expertise to illustrate the dangerous connection between forced migration and human trafficking. Visit ***SistersAgainstTrafficking.org*** to view speaker bios and more information on this issue.

This briefing is the launch of an 18-month journey for the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking and the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd where we will listen to those on the ground and those impacted by this nexus of evil, and then work with Members of Congress and policymakers to identify opportunities for meaningful change.

USCSAHT *was founded in 2013 by a group of Catholic Sisters committed to ending human trafficking and supporting survivors. They created a national network of resources and support that includes many different congregations of women religious and mission-aligned partners. Today, this member-based organization has grown to include more than 115 congregations and another 100+ individuals and organizations spread throughout the United States. USCSAHT is also the U.S. member of Talitha Kum, the international network of consecrated life working to end human trafficking.*

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd *educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations. NAC reflects the spirituality, history and mission of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (better known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd). The sisters and their agencies work in solidarity with the disenfranchised – particularly families, women and children – who often are forgotten, left-behind or dismissed.*

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