

2021 Shine the Light Human Trafficking Conference: Root Causes and Intersections on Human Trafficking

Harnessing the Cry of Empathy

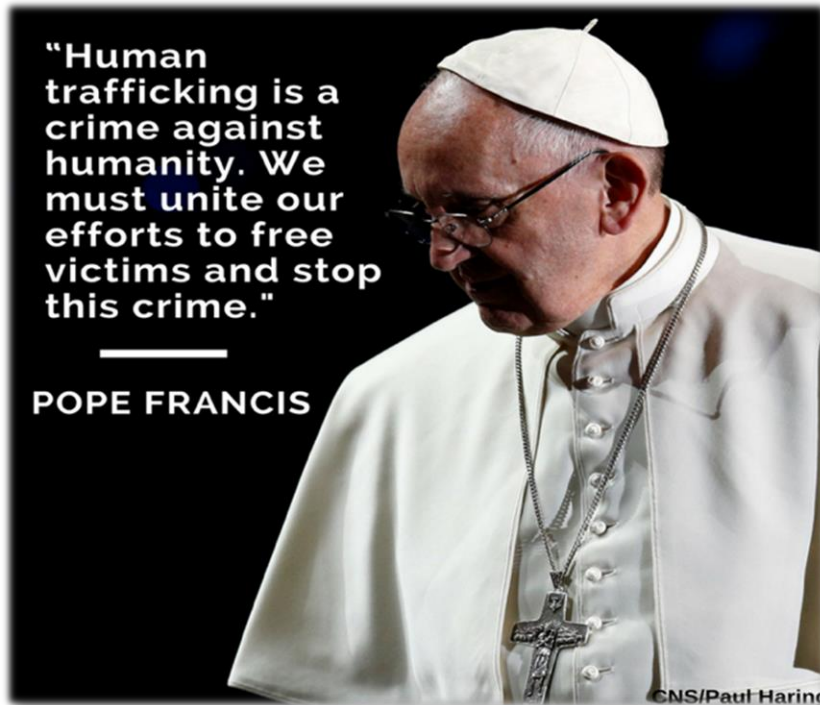
Transforming an authentic concern for survivors of
trafficking into active accompaniment and engagement



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Operationalizing Catholic Desire to Respond to Church's Call



"I invite everyone, citizens and institutions to *join forces* to prevent the slave trade and to guarantee protection and assistance for the victims."

Pope Francis, General Assembly, February 8, 2018

Who May Encounter Trafficked Persons?



- ❖ Community, charitable and social service providers
- ❖ Medical personnel
- ❖ National and local police
- ❖ Domestic violence, human rights advocates
- ❖ Religious workers; workers in community based ministries
- ❖ Customers at hotels, restaurants, salons
- ❖ Relatives, friends
- ❖ Neighbors, fellow community members, co-workers
- ❖ **PARISHIONERS (lay leaders, community members & professionals)**

BECOME A SHEPHERD



- ❖ Catholic teaching on human trafficking
- ❖ Different forms and trends in human trafficking
- ❖ How to identify and where to refer victims and those at risk
- ❖ *Mobilizing members in your community*
- ❖ Visit Become A Shepherd Tool Kit:
www.usccb.org/shepherd
- ❖ Email: MRSShepherd@usccb.org

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.
PROTECT, HELP, EMPOWER AND, RESTORE DIGNITY

THREE PRONGED APPROACH



Human Trafficking Awareness & Engagement Plan



Target Audience	Goal
Key Message	Method/Activity
Materials	Timeline

- ❖ What does trafficking look like in YOUR area?
- ❖ Who are most at risk? What industries are present?

The **ESTHER** Ministry of St. Joseph Church along with the **LONG BEACH** Human Trafficking **TASK FORCE** invite you to:



BECOME *a* SHEPHERD

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Special Guest Speaker:
Los Angeles County Sheriff
Jim McDonnell

Friday, November 4, 2016
6:30pm – 8:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6180 E. Willow St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Register at: become-a-shepherd.eventbrite.com
Free Admission/Donations Welcome
Questions: estherministry1@gmail.com

Refreshments

Resource Tables

**Sponsorship
Opportunities**



*"How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry:
'Where is your brother?' (Gen 4:9)"*
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

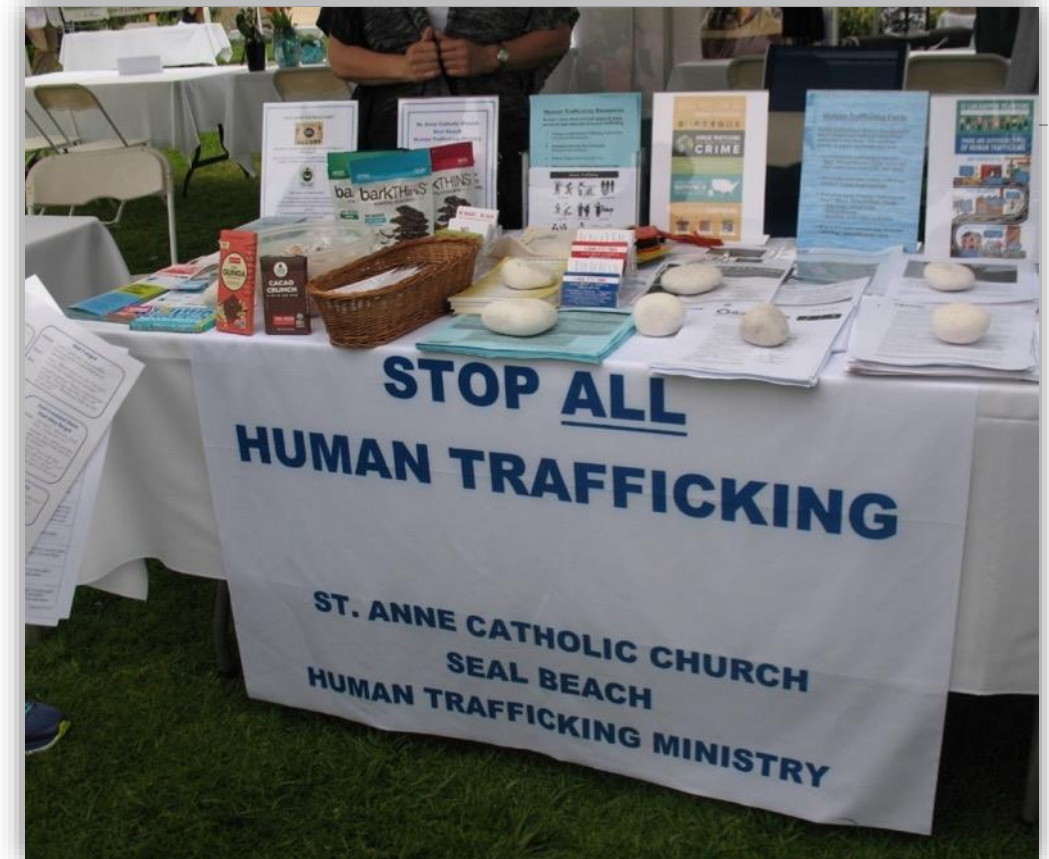


St. Joseph Church Long Beach, California



- ✓ **Become a Shepherd** event in parish hall
Keynote speaker:
Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell
- ✓ **Rest of year:**
 - ✓ Post HT facts and events in our church bulletin
 - ✓ Developed logo, bookmark and website:
 - ✓ Organizes HT speakers for Mass and Ministry meetings
 - ✓ Select books relating to HT issues for church Book Club
 - ✓ Host Fair Trade Coffee and Donuts after Masses

St. Anne Catholic Church Community Booth



Diocese of Orlando
Anti-Trafficking Commitment Art

Getting Started with Engagement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Triangle, VA

- ❖ Building relationships with local and state organizations working on trafficking issues
- ❖ Leveraging parishioner's professional experience and skills to expand and deepen engagement efforts

Local and State Relationships

*ACTS (Action Through Community Service)

*Prince William County Human Trafficking Task Force

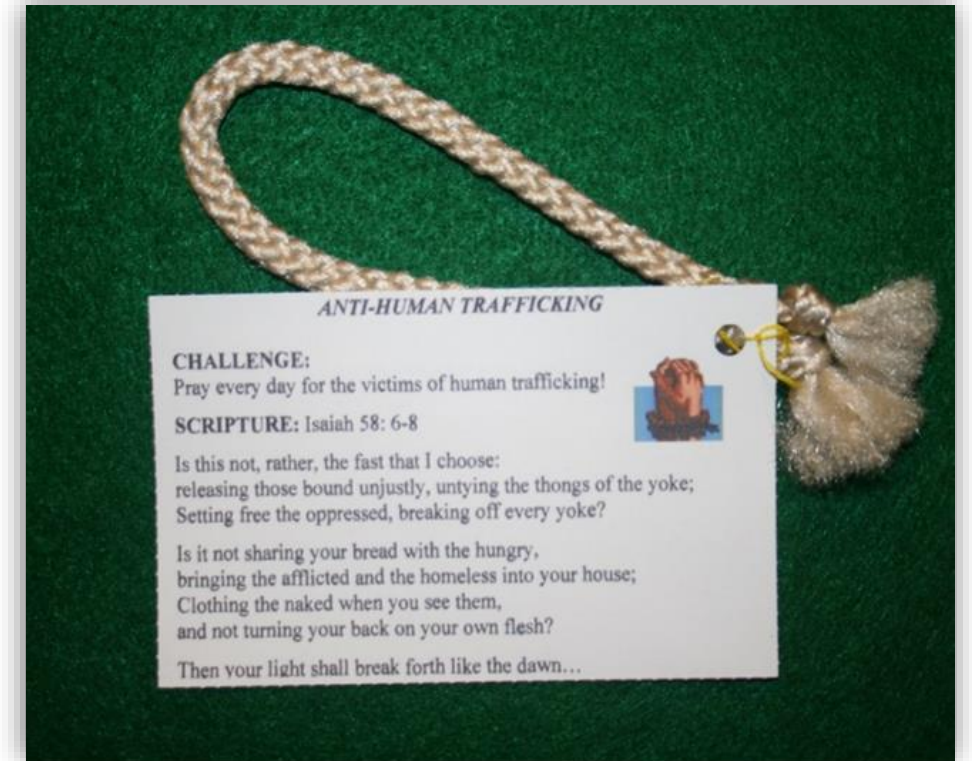
The Arlington Diocese

Norther Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVAHTI)

Central Virginia Justice Initiative (CVJI)

*Legislative Advocacy (Virginia Catholic Conference)





Community Prayer Rope Bracelet Campaign St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Triangle, VA

Build-a-Backpack for Victims

Diocese of Orlando
Human Trafficking Task Force



"One of the only times they are alone is in the bathroom washing up. I thought, 'What would I see in a motel?' I thought it had to be a bar of soap."

S.O.A.P Project Founder
& Human Trafficking
Survivor - Theresa Flores



The S.O.A.P. PROJECT

St. Rose of Lima Parish
Short Hills, New Jersey



Justice for Filipino Trafficked Teachers

GABRIELA USA & MIGRANTE International

HOME

ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

CONTACT

GET HELP

MEDIA

RESOURCES

Fee Type	Amount
Seminar	\$85.00
WES Credential Evaluation	\$300.00
USCIS Credential Evaluation	\$6,500.00
Placement Fee	\$4,500.00
Re-filing Fee	\$2,500.00
Housing Rental	\$1,600.00
Pick Up Fee	\$200.00
Green Card Processing Fee	\$2,500.00
Embassy Schedule Fee for Interview	\$30.00
Miscellaneous (Mailing, Int'l calls, etc.)	\$100.00
Airfare	\$1,000.00



Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Program



The Fair Food Program and Worker-driven Social Responsibility Programs

January 2018



Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking at Sea



COMPASS

Coalition of Organizations and Ministries
Promoting the Abolition of Slavery at Sea



Labeling for Lent

An Effort to Prevent Human Trafficking

By the Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT)

CCOAHT wants to ask seafood companies that are engaged in cleaning up their supply chains to label their packaged products. Through labeling, we as consumers can make educated purchasing choices

How to Embed Anti-Trafficking Themes in Existing Parish Activities or Ministries



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Selling Survivor-Made Cards

Provide hand-crafted cards made by survivors of human trafficking and for sale at a parish gift shop or fundraiser. Proceeds go back to the artisans. A story card and name goes with each card bringing awareness to the topic of trafficking and allowing survivors to make income to support themselves and escape a life of poverty. Our gift shop featured the cards in our news bulletin during Human Trafficking Awareness month.



Collect Bras for Survivors of Trafficking in Developing Countries

Many survivors from developing countries don't have skills because they have been trafficked in their youth during their primary school years.

Selling bras is a great way to make an income and the women deal only with female customers. It provides a sustainable livelihood where they can leave the shelters and start a small business on their own or return to school.



Hosting Ethical and Fair Trade Events

in Conjunction with Human Trafficking Lectures

Buying ethically is a way to bring dignity and safety to all workers. Here is an example where we host a Fair Trade sale and a discussion and promote ethical shopping in our every day purchases like cocoa, coffee, sugar, clothes, jewelry, produce, fashion items, gifts, pottery... and more.

We also use ethically sourced coffee & sugar at our coffee socials (pre-Covid) and use posters to indicate why we do this and how to buy fair or ethical products. Practice what you preach.

We promote “Alternative Gift Giving” that not only is kinder to the environment but also supports the dignity of workers and bans child labor.





Fair Trade & Ethical Shopping



When we shop, are we supporting slavery?

It's a question that is 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. Fair Trade certification secures the rights of workers, reduces poverty and promotes sustainable development. When consumers choose fair trade or 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.

These are things we want to consider as conscientious consumers. *We* have the power to support greater causes through our purchases. *So, how do we shop ethically?*

READ LABELS. To ensure your product is not made by child labor or slave trade, reading labels can help guide you in seeking ethically sourced products that support the people and the environment where the item originates. Although a number of fair trade certification agencies and standards exist, you can simply google most companies to find out more about their specific standards with respect to the environment and child labor practices even if they are not fair trade certified.

Look for the company's 'sustainability' report. Here are some third-party organization labels that indicate ethical policies are in place:



Our purchases have a much greater impact than we know.

Fair & Ethical Shopping

LOOK FOR PRODUCTS MADE BY SURVIVORS

By purchasing items created by victims of violence and human trafficking, you can give survivors a head start on a new life and help them from falling back into the hands of traffickers. Many victims around the world are trafficked or exploited as children and do not have a formal education, so they must build skills and find work to gain sustainable income. Survivors often do this through the creation and sale of hand-crafted goods.

SHOP WITH HELPING ORGANIZATIONS

SERRV International is a nonprofit online store dedicated to fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade. SERRV employs nearly 8,000 artisans and farmers in 25 countries who are empowered by sustainable employment, fair wages and safe working conditions where they find security and dignity in their work. To learn more about purchasing fair trade items or hosting a fair-trade sale or market at your church or organization, go to:

<https://www.serrv.org>

CRS 'GIFT OF HOPE' CATALOG

Catholic Relief Services provides a 'Gift of Hope' Catalog to help change lives. Choose a gift that will help save, protect and transform the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and then, choose a special card to personalize and let your loved one know you've given a Gift of Hope in their name. You can buy a uniform for a child in need or a flock of chickens to help a family generate income. To see the whole catalog, go to <https://gifts.crs.org/>.

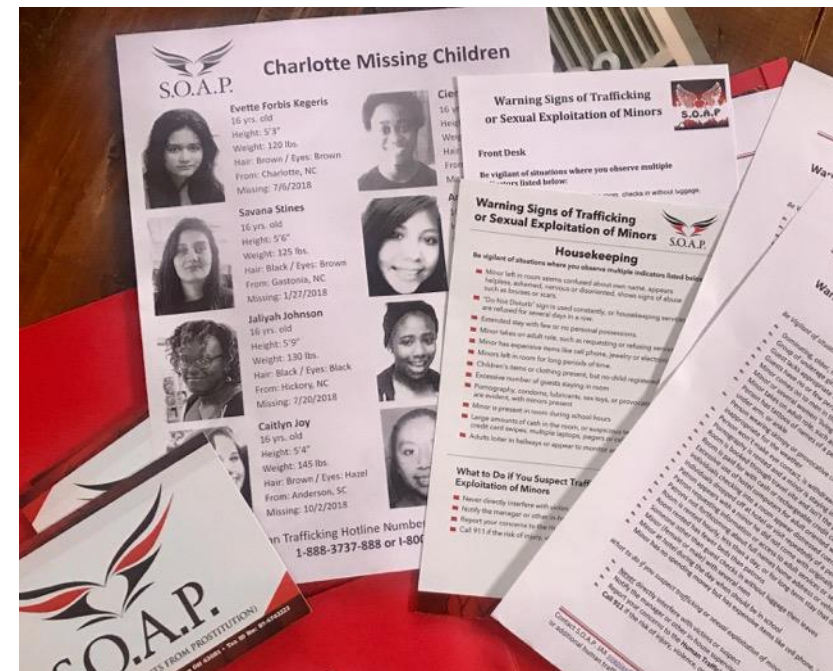
Please share on social media or print on recycled paper

Image credited to ILRF. <https://laborrights.org/> Updated 11/24/2020

Host a Survivor Speaker & SOAP Labeling Event

Invite survivors to share their story and in this case we also combined the talk with a hotel outreach, asking volunteers to help label and pass out soaps with the hotline number on it and other human trafficking educational materials to area hotels. We also share posters of missing youth.

We hosted an FBI agent along with a survivor and the event was covered by two local news stations bringing a lot of awareness to the topic of child trafficking and internet dangers. FBI outreach is ideal for current info in your locality on trafficking, attracts a large audience and is typically free! Check with your local FBI Office for outreach speakers.



Free Resources, Handouts, Flyers & Toolkits

Especially during Covid-19, we utilize social media through ready-made flyers, images and handouts and even toolkits with full press packages. Find these resources through organizations like the USCCB -Become A Shepherd program, US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking, CHA and...

- DHS Blue Campaign
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services **Rescue & Restore Campaign**
- Statewide HT Organizations.





Partner with & Join Ready Made Programs/Events

Finally, we piggy back on virtual programs already developed and hosted by the CCOAHT or USCCB, CHA, USCSAHT, etc. Invite your parish community to register and learn more about this fast growing crime that we can only tackle if we all come together. We have to acknowledge all those who are suffering from this crime, across all borders and join hands with all faiths to fight this heinous and fast growing crime.

THOMAS UNIVERSITY
Human Trafficking Academy

Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human Trafficking

2021 | 10:15 AM - 1:00 PM EST

Free Online Events

Service for Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM EST

or Perspectives: Informing our Work against Human Trafficking
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM EST

or Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking (In-person and Online)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST (Reception will immediately follow)

Catholic Identity Committee of the Law School at St. Thomas University, ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY, Campus Ministry, Migration and Refugee Services, and CHA logos.

Learn more and register at:
www.humantraffickingacademy.org/day-of-prayer

Collaborate with the Sisters!

We often partner with the Sisters of Mercy to provide human trafficking educational events and utilize the Sisters expertise and skills on our committees and as presenters.

We are fortunate to have Sister Rose Marie Tresp, Director of Justice, guide us and involve us with outreach efforts: Eucharistic Congress info tables, legislative efforts, visits with state representatives, petitions, and serving the poor, the immigrants and hosting racial injustice discussions.



Migrant Outreach

We have assisted with projects hosted by area Sisters of Mercy in South Central, in Belmont, NC and joined a Migrant Outreach project with the Sisters of Mercy where we helped migrants arriving at the Charlotte bus stations from Texas detention centers and pass out human rights materials in Spanish along with a hot meal, clothes and essential supplies.

Fundraising to Help Victims

When hosting a Fair Trade/ethical sale or accepting donations for an event, we donate to victims of human trafficking and display the images and organizations who benefit from proceeds.

In this instance, we show how purchasing a uniform for a child in need helps to protect them from being a target from predators. In many poor areas, when a child has a nice uniform and pair of shoes, it means someone is looking after them... so they are less of a target for traffickers and other predators.

Proceeds from this sale event will go to victims and families of human traffi

HOUSE of HOPE
INTERNATIONAL

"THEN NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU GO AND LEAVE YOUR LIFE OF SIN" - Eph 6:11



Hurricane's Eta & Iota rains and flooding have washed away many homes and filled homes with mud and debris to many homes.

\$30 will buy a school uniform for children without one. This makes them less of a target for traffickers.



Write letters and appeal to top figureheads in the church, schools or government

Write to your church, school and government leaders and ask for a greater focus on human trafficking and especially child exploitation which is growing very fast as a criminal industry in America.

Propose the development of an Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force in your faith group, town or school district.

catholicnews herald.com

Save

Image from Catholic News Herald 2/20



shops had the opportunity to visit many offices of the Roman Curia. The Roman Curia is at the service of the Holy
cel dioceses.

hops learned that the Vatican is very concerned about the climate of polarization that is currently present in the U
rization seems to be present in many other places of the world as well. In addition, the targeted persecution and
rld, as well as the persecution of religious groups of people. Increasing threats to religious freedom

HOW YOU CAN HELP COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Everyone can take a role in combatting human trafficking.

Pass on this information, you never know who you might save from human trafficking

- ___ **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>
- ___ Leave the **1-888-373-7888 hotline** card at a rest stop, truck stop restroom, or hotel room. Ask the service workers if they have the number to report it.
- ___ **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 from the Homeland Security Blue Campaign: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/request-materials>.
- ___ **Visit your state's Human Trafficking Prevention Group** or Task Force. This is NC: **NC Project NO REST** website to learn more about the efforts to combat human trafficking in North Carolina: <https://www.projectnorest.org>. Share their free PSA posters and video: 30 sec video PSA for the Classroom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k90rPnuwNFY&feature=youtu.be>
- ___ **Provide training** for service providers (health, schools, 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>
- ___ **Share this training school manual for educators and schools:** Ask your school leaders if they train their staff to identify child trafficking. <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/sites/default/files/HumanTraffickinginAmericasSchools.pdf>
- ___ **Provide hand-crafted cards made by survivors** of human trafficking and sell as a craft, or for a fundraiser. Ask local gift shops to support the cause. Proceeds go back to the artisans. A story card and name goes with each card bringing awareness to the topic of trafficking and allowing survivors to make income to support themselves and escape a life of poverty. DIRECT LINK to BUY CARDS: <https://missiontoelsalvador.com/shop>
- ___ **Collect new and gently used bras for survivors of trafficking** that live in developing countries. But why Bras? So survivors in countries like El Salvador and Mozambique can start small enterprises by selling your donated gently used bras in their community. It allows them to work just with women, keeping them from running into their traffickers or johns. FTG ships them to rescue centers in need and even local prisons here in the US. Use Amazon GIVE BACK BOX program to lower shipping costs dramatically. <https://freethegirls.org>
- ___ **Promote Fair and ethical shopping.** Fair and ethical trade represents a trade that supports the worker and the community behind the product. There is no child labor, no harsh conditions and there is care for the environment. READ LABELS and READ SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY reports and take the time to research or ask the companies to be transparent about who works behind the product and what measures are taken to avoid forced labor and damage to the environment. Buy products that are ETHICALLY SOURCED like sugar, produce, coffee, chocolate, jewelry, clothes, and more. At Christmas host an Ethical and Fair Trade Sale or event to bring this message to our community. SERRV is one organization that works with over 70 missions around the globe. <https://www.serrv.org>
- ___ **Sign petitions and promote legislation** that provides better protection for child victims of sexual exploitation. There's NO such thing as a child prostitute.
- ___ **Talk to your youth about 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.
- ___ **Determine your slavery footprint:** <http://slaveryfootprint.org>.
- ___ **Support a local safe house** for trafficked victims. Donate funds or collect clothes, linens, toiletries and provisions for a local safe house for victims of trafficking.
- ___ Download and use the app **TraffickCam** when you visit hotels to help law enforcement to find traffickers: <https://traffickcam.com>. Photos of the rooms will be used to determine where perpetrators of sex trafficking are committing their crimes.
- ___ **Bring awareness** to the significant increase in sex trafficking involved at the Super Bowl events.
- ___ Start or join a **Youth 4 Abolition** chapter in your community or school that works to end human trafficking: <http://www.youth4abolition.com>
- ___ **Use social media** to spread the word. Keep talking about it.

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CATHOLICS COMBATting HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Resources for Prevention & Education

- **The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** has a number of human trafficking resources to share on the topic of labor and sex trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm>
- **The Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking (CCOAH)** resolves to put an end to human trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/coalition-of-catholic-organizations-against-human-trafficking.cfm>
- **The US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** have a website and Facebook page with current news and legislative updates and a monthly newsletter. To find many resources and updates on human trafficking worldwide go to: <http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org>
- **Sisters of Divine Savior's Stop Enslavement** monthly newsletter and resources can be found on <http://www.stopenslavement.org>
- **The 'Become A Shepherd' toolkit** is a parish resource guide to educate and provide handouts, literature, prayers, bulletin posts and more on human trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index>
2021 Parish Guide and Anti-Trafficking Toolkit 2021 [CCOAH Human Trafficking Prevention Month and Day of Prayer Tool Kit](#)
- **#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>
- **Catholic Health Association (CHA)** provides downloadable screening assessments to identify victims of human trafficking and free posters with the national helpline number. <https://www.chausa.org/human-trafficking/how-to-help-identify-victims>
Free posters: <https://www.chausa.org/store/products/Human-Trafficking>
- **Become A Shepherd Movie Guide:** <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/upload/SHEPHERD-Movie-and-Discussion-Guide.pdf>
- **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 the educational tools to protect their own community members from falling victim to human trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/amistad.cfm>
- **Shop with a Conscience** and buy ethically sourced goods to support justice, not slavery. Many products have slavery in the supply chain. **SERRV**, supports hundreds of fair & ethically traded missions. Purchase food, clothes and gifts at <https://www.serrv.org>
- **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** supports many initiatives to prevent and combat human trafficking with 145 projects worldwide. Go to their website to learn more: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/slavery-and-human-trafficking>. **CRS Global Fellows speakers** can come to your parish to share about the work of CRS and provide concrete examples of how to help end poverty around the world. For more info: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/participate/crs-clergy-outreach/global-fellows>
- **The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center** provides a resource library of downloadable prayers and handouts on human trafficking. For the *Pastoral Orientation on Human Trafficking*, the Global Slavery Index and more: <https://www.ipjc.org/human-trafficking-resources/>



Thank you!

