

Info Alert 201

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In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the common good immediately becomes a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters. LS 158

Human Trafficking

January is human trafficking awareness month. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange have created a calendar which begins January 11th and concludes February 8th on the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of all victims of human trafficking and modern-day slavery. The calendar is being sent as an attachment.

Human trafficking:

- includes both forced labor and sex trafficking
- represents a threat to international peace and security
- robs millions of their dignity and freedom
- enriches transnational criminals and terrorists
- threatens public safety and national security everywhere

There are estimated to be more than 24.9 million people — adults and children — subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States. Traffickers often take advantage of instability caused by natural disasters, conflict, or a pandemic to exploit others.

Help for Haiti at the Border

S. Camille Brouillard, IHM (Monroe) speaks Creole fluently and was asked to assist the Sisters at the Border as they found many Haitians who needed help with translation. Camille shared that, “Each day I went to the Catholic Charities Center for migrants. I spoke to many Haitian families, did translation, and played with the children. I was taken from there to help Doctors Without Borders to translate for the Haitian women. Little did I ever think I would be doing this. God's ways are awesome. The Haitian people laugh and cannot believe an old white lady speaks Creole. We welcome all the people and show them love and compassion.”

Outcomes from OSP-IHM Advocacy Groups in conjunction with Provident Hearts initiatives

Gun Prevention:

- 1) Daily Prayer for End to Gun Violence (see attachment)
- 2) Sign legislation to close loopholes in universal background checks

https://act.everytown.org/sign/Senate_background_checks_2021/?source=etno_hr8_faq_blog&refcode=etno_hr8_faq_blog&utm_source=etno_hr8_faq_bl

Asylum Seekers

Letter to be sent to Governor concerning asylum seekers (see attachment)
Governor Shapiro will be sworn in on January 17th.

Prayer

Prayer to End Gun Violence (see attachment)
Pray the Prayer to End Human Trafficking (on calendar)

Actions

1. Pray daily for an end to gun violence using the prayer the Advocacy Group composed.
2. Print and sign Letter to Governor in your state concerning asylum seekers.
3. Sign legislation on Universal Background Checks
4. Use calendar daily to pray for an end to human trafficking/Donation to Covenant House c/o

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