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MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic faith community we value the dignity and rights of all persons and we endeavor to educate, to influence public policy, and to engage our community for the purpose of eradicating human trafficking in all its forms.

We work in collaboration with other faith communities, law enforcement, and established organizations addressing the issue.

WEBSITE

www.dsj.org/cneht



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A FRIEND

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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Terry Jelley
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On July 4th, as citizens of the United States, we celebrate our freedom and independence. But for victims of human trafficking there is no freedom. Join in the fight to end this modern day slavery.



World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2017 Sunday, July 30, 2017

On the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, the United Nations aims to create awareness about human trafficking and worldwide efforts to defeat this scourge. Millions of people are victims of human trafficking and almost a third are children. In 2013, the UN member states adopted a resolution which designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. They declared that such a day was necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.”



The Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons was adopted in 2010 and urges governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat human trafficking in all its forms. The UN plan calls for integrating the fight against human trafficking into the UN's broader programs to boost development and strengthen security worldwide.



Almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide are children, according to the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons released in December 2016 by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Women and girls comprise 71% of human trafficking victims, the same report states.

According to the 2016 UN report, women and girls tend to be trafficked for marriages and sexual slavery, while men and boys are typically exploited for forced labor in the mining sector, as porters, and as soldiers. It also states that refugees from war and persecution are particularly vulnerable to becoming victims of human trafficking.

And according to the International Labour Organization (ILO), around 21 million people are victims of forced labor globally, and of these, a significant number are also trafficking victims.

The UN resolution also states that trafficking in persons, especially women and children, constitutes an offense and a serious threat to human dignity and physical integrity, human rights, and development. Despite sustained measures taken at the international, regional, and national levels, trafficking in persons remains one of the grave challenges facing the international community, which also impairs the enjoyment of human rights and needs a more concerted international response.

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Sr. Marilyn Wilson, BVM
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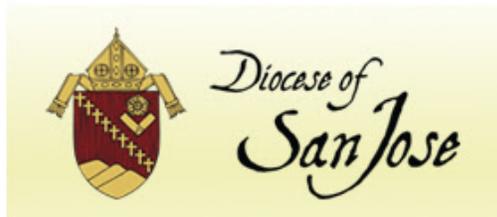
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The Network News is designed to provide information, articles, and updates about activities and events that are taking place within our Diocese and the surrounding communities in the greater Bay Area. Please feel free to submit comments and suggestions along with any events and articles of interest about human trafficking to Terry Jelley, CNEHT@dsj.org

On the World Day against Trafficking in Persons the Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking is executed. This initiative aims to support and strengthen the engagement and the participation of the public. The logo in shape of a blue heart stand for the sorrow of the victims and the coldness of the offenders. The UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon appealed for becoming an active part in the fight against human trafficking.



DIocese OF SAN JOSE UPDATE



Sr. Marilyn Wilson gave a presentation on human trafficking to nearly 40 members of the Sunnyvale Rotary club on June 6. The session included basic facts on human trafficking, segments of the Hummingbird video and CNEHT's updated PowerPoint presentation. Bill Perry from Catholic Relief Services was on hand with a table display to talk about ethical trade.



We are proud to announce that Joaquin Schmidt, a frequent CNEHT collaborator and graduating senior from Bellarmine College Preparatory, was recognized with the Rob Suarez Award. He was one of only nine students to receive major awards during this year's graduation ceremony. In the oral introduction to the award, Joaquin delivered a short speech in which he mentioned his many contributions to CNEHT during the past few years.



Rob Suarez Award

"The Rob Suarez Award honors that student who has raised our spirits when we have needed it the most – in classrooms and hallways – but most importantly, by how he has reached out in private to individual members of our community. His humor and compassion have brought hope and a sense of freedom into the midst of our daily struggles. Each year instead of choosing a "winner" of the Rob Suarez award, Bellarmine chooses a student to represent all of the nameless and often unnoticed acts of compassion that have occurred in our community."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon

We are all called to live in solidarity with all those who are exploited. Education makes us increasingly aware of the harmful moral and human effects that human trafficking has on victims, on their perpetrators, and on society as whole. The victims of trafficking are persons created in the image and likeness of God. They are always to be treated with the love, respect and compassion that belong to each of God's children. As a community committed to the following of Christ, we dedicate ourselves to making every effort to help those who have been victimized to regain their sense of dignity. We call upon all men and women of good will to eliminate the mentality that treats human beings as commodities of commercial exploitation and as objects for pleasure. With God's help this can be accomplished by strong legislation, use of the media, and above all through prayer and good example.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING STORIES

Each month, Network News will feature stories of Human Trafficking. The following example of labor trafficking took place in Santa Clara County.

Survivor Story: Boyfriend Turned Trafficker

Sarah is a 17-year-old Caucasian female who grew up in rural Ohio. Sarah ran away from home a few times because her mom and stepfather drank a lot and did not pay attention to her. A few months ago Sarah was walking to the store alone and a 30-year-old male drove up beside her and told her how pretty she was and asked why she looked so sad. Sarah told him that she was angry with her mom and just needed to take a walk. He asked if he could take her to get her nails done down the street to cheer her up, and she agreed. He paid right away while giving compliments and telling her he wanted to meet again the next day.

For the next two months he picked Sarah up and took her to eat, to get her nails done and continued to act like a loving boyfriend. They both began calling each other boyfriend and girlfriend. They spent a lot of time together and he asked Sarah to move in with him, but after another month of living together he told her he couldn't make the rent payment and needed help. He asked her to go on dates with older men and engage in commercial sex. Sarah felt uncomfortable but agreed because she would do anything not to return home, and wanted to make him happy. Her boyfriend praised her and told her he didn't mind that Sarah helped them get money for rent this way. This continued until one night when Sarah was out on the street and was raped by a stranger who initially solicited her for sex. She immediately called the police and was taken to the hospital for an exam.

Once at the hospital, the responding detectives called Polaris client services and two staff members reported to the hospital. Polaris provided emergency housing and emotional support for Sarah as she considered some of her options. She decided to leave her boyfriend and move into a shelter. During her month at the shelter, Polaris found long-term housing for her and helped her secure a part-time job. Within four months, Sarah saved enough money to move into her own apartment. She continues to work part-time and attend classes in the evenings. She hopes to attend college next year and eventually own her own business.

To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), call [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888) or text **HELP** or **INFO** to **BeFree (233733)**.

MEETINGS



No Traffic Ahead Subcommittee Meeting

When: Thursday, August 3, 10:30 am

Where: Family Resource Center, [591 North King Rd., San Jose](#)



South Bay Coalition Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 19, 9 - 11 am

Where: Family Resource Center, [591 North King Rd., San Jose](#)



Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties

When: Tuesday, July 18, noon to 1:30 pm

Where: Watsonville, CA

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/TRAINING

Take Back Our Streets – FREE Summer Series

When: Saturday/Sunday, July 1/2, 9 am to 3 pm

Where: Youth Uprising, [8711 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland](#)

What: Community BBQ & Outreach; Street Canvassing Training - a training on how to engage with fellow community members to promote healing, listening and implement change. Followed by a free community BBQ and celebration.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/take-back-our-streets-free-summer-series-tickets-34412408440>



Benefit for Freedom House

When: Thursday, July 6, 7 pm to midnight

Where: Great American Music Hall, [859 O'Farrell St, San Francisco](#)

What: Blues concert organized by local musicians, featuring Karen Lovely, Lisa Mann, The Lucky Losers, and Ben Rice. A portion of ticket sales and all proceeds from the live and silent auctions go to support Freedom House. Tickets on Eventbrite



Hacking for Humanity

When: Saturday/Sunday, July 8/9, 7 pm

Where: DocuSign, [221 Main St., #1000, San Francisco](#)

What: Join Girls in Tech and Hackbright Academy as they present: A Social Innovation Hackathon. Topics presented for girls and women, by women include homelessness, sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and women's health.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING APPS



Apps of Interest;

BAN Human Trafficking! (Free) - Available on Android 2.2 and up

This interactive game educates users on human trafficking issues, including the problem itself, and later difficulties with recovery. The game goes through a potential human trafficking victim's life, from his or her recruitment to suffering and eventual recovery.