



# Network News

Diocese of San Jose Chapter

October 2017

## 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](http://www.dsj.org/cneht)



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## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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## Coming Soon, Save The Date!



The Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking (CNEHT) Committee, will have two sessions at the 2017 Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference:

### Friday November 3, 2017 at 2:45 PM, Session 4-04

— How to Educate Students about Ending Human Trafficking:

This hands-on workshop with opportunities to explore various curricula, and resources with input and resources from educators, high school students and educational program experts from the Bay Area. Parents are encouraged to become better informed.

### Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 3 PM, Session 8-05

— Members of CNEHT, Nancy Moreno from Santa Teresa Parish and Aracely Ordonez from St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish, will present: Stop the Game: Communities/Parishes are Key to ending Human Trafficking. Think human trafficking is only an international issue? Think again — it is active in our local communities. Raising awareness in our parish communities is important in the fight against human trafficking, aka modern day slavery. Join us to learn strategies to deploy to inform or help heal communities by raising awareness to disrupt traffickers in their game. To register and view the complete conference schedule go to: <https://scffc.org/registration/>

For information, or questions, contact [SCFFC@dsj.org](mailto:SCFFC@dsj.org)

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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](mailto:CNEHT@dsj.org).*



**CNEHT Committee Members:**

Top: Terry Jelley, Nancy Moreno, Sr. Rosemary Everett, SNJM, Anthony Ordon  
Bottom: Sisters Marilyn Wilson, BVM, Catarina Chu, DC, Elizabeth Avalos

**Abolition Radio**

Abolition Radio, focusing on ending modern day slavery, featured CNEHT (Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking - Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County) on Thursday, September 14th.



Benita Hopkins and Vanessa Russell hosts of Abolition Radio representing Love Never Fails Us, interviewed Marilyn Wilson, BVM of CNEHT to learn about the work of the Network. Sr. Marilyn shared her personal journey on the issue and spoke to the current activities of CNEHT, its history, mission and goals (EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, COMMUNICATE, REFORM, ENGAGE).

Focusing on the importance of educating the public, but more directly of schools, she highlighted the upcoming CNEHT workshops at the Faith Formation Conference on November 3-4, 2017 at the Santa Clara Convention Center.

The interview featured the work of high school student advocates and their innovative approaches in education. Also noted were the involvement of congregations of women religious in the issues of human trafficking and reform, as well as economic justice.

The exciting and energizing conversation opened doors for a potential collaboration with Love Never Fails' PROTECT project with 3 Strands Global and Fred Douglas Family initiatives to achieve shared educational goals. (See [protectnow.org](http://protectnow.org).)

The interview aired on Saturday, September 16 and was repeated on Sunday, September 17. <http://www.loveneverfailsus.com/abolitionradio/>

**DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE UPDATE**

**AB1227 - Human Trafficking Education and Training Act**



Currently there is a bill before the CA legislature - **AB1227 - Human Trafficking Education and Training Act**. We encourage you to contact the governor about this important legislation, which would require California public schools to provide education and training on human trafficking identification and prevention to children from being exploited for labor or sex.

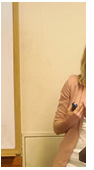
**Freedom Sunday**

**Freedom Sunday** presented an opportunity for parishioners from St. Lucy's Parish in Campbell to learn about the modern day slavery that is human trafficking. Amanda Vohs from International Justice Mission (IJM) presented a video at the 9 and 11 am masses and



invited parishioners to attend an informational presentation afterward at the Activity Center. During the presentation, Parishioners learned more about Christians in seeking justice for the poor and ending slavery by partnering

Amanda is a member of St. Lucy's Parish and its recently-formed Social Justice Ministry. Other members of this ministry were on hand for the presentation along with CNEHT representatives who provided information on the upcoming human trafficking workshops at the November Faith Formation Conference.



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**CNEHT Presentation** at St. Mary's Parish, Los Gatos. On August 31, Jar Director of Parish Ministry at St. Mary's (pictured left), welcomed CNEHT Nancy Moreno, Elizabeth Avalos and Marilyn Wilson to talk about human

Parishioners watched a video, learned about Catholic Social Teaching, the history of CNEHT and actions they can take to help in the fight against modern day slavery. At the conclusion a parishioner commented: "What I'm hearing is that we need to be the eyes and ears of our fellow human beings out in the community."



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## 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.*

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### A Survivor Story: Four Children and a 16-Year Relationship

Mari is a 37-year-old African American woman who had been in a relationship with Darrell for 16 years. During that time Mari and Darrell had four children. In the course of the relationship, Darrell had been verbally, physically, and sexually abusive of Mari. Additionally, when Darrell wanted extra money, he called Mari and forced her into commercial sex. She had tried to leave Darrell in the past; however, he either threatened to hurt their children, or convinced her that she had no other options other than staying with him. He controlled all of her money, did not allow her to keep her own bank account, and forbade her from getting her driver's license. Mari could not see any alternatives for leaving.

One evening, Darrell, Mari, and an 18-year-old, Janice, who Darrell was forcing into prostitution, were pulled over by a patrol officer for a traffic violation. The officer noticed that when Darrell pulled out his identification he had Mari's and the other girls' ID in his wallet. The officer was suspicious and asked them all privately. During his conversation the officer realized both women were being forced and coerced into prostitution. He referred both women to Polaris emergency services. Polaris helped find temporary housing and provide clothing for both women. Janice immediately left Darrell and found a job at a restaurant. Mari relocated out of state with her children, but still struggles with her decision to leave Darrell. She understands that it is best for her and her children, and believes that more and more every day. Polaris Hotline: 888-3737-888.

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## MEETINGS

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### No Traffic Ahead Subcommittee Meeting

**When:** Thursday, November 2, 10:30 am

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



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### South Bay Coalition Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, November 15, 9 - 11 am

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

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## ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/TRAINING



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### Reach to Restore

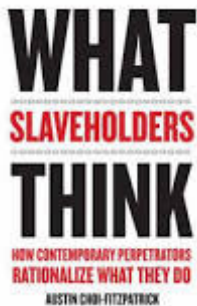
**When:** Sunday, October 1, 4:30 to 8:00pm

**Where:** Crow Canyon Country Club, [711 Silver Lake Dr, Danville, CA](#)

**What:** Dinner party to benefit ARM (Art, Recreation, Movement) of Ca

<http://armofcare2017.bpt.me/>

ARM of Care, a 501c3 non-profit that uses the Creative Arts to restore and empower individuals and those at risk who have been exploited through trafficking. To purchase your ticket with a check, please RSVP with the names of attendees via email to: [info@armofcare.net](mailto:info@armofcare.net). You will receive email confirmation with the ARM of Care mailing address. Note: Fair market value of the dinner is \$55. \$20 may be tax deductible.



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### "What Slaveholders Think" Book Talk @ Stanford

**When:** Thursday, October 5, 5:30 to 7:30pm

**Where:** Stanford University - [450 Serra Mall - Building 300 - Stanford, CA](#)

**What:** The Freedom from Slavery Forum presents a talk with author Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick who will discuss his new book "What Slaveholders Think: How Contemporary Perpetrators Rationalize What They Do." This event is sponsored by the Center for Free the Slaves and the WSD Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Stanford University.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-slaveholders-think-book-talk-tickets-2039787>

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### Increasing Awareness of Human Trafficking (Modern Day Slavery)

**When:** Saturday, October 7, 2 to 5pm

**Where:** Santa Cruz Police Community Room, [155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA](#)

**What:** This forum will feature representatives from law enforcement, child welfare, a survivor of trafficking and various organizations that are active in the battle to end trafficking. No admittance charge. A silent auction will take place and all proceeds going to expenses of event and surplus to safe harbor program.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/increasing-awareness-of-human-trafficking-day-slavery-tickets-35419887838>



### Blues for Freedom

**When:** Sunday, October 8, 4 to 9pm

**Where:** Poor House Studio, [87 S. Autumn Street, San Jose](#)

**What:** "Blues for Freedom" will feature a dynamic range of critically award winning blues artists such as Daniel Castro, Terrie Odabi with Terria Carrol, Aki Kumar, Kid Andersen, The Lucky Losers, A.C. Myles, We DeWitt with Kirk Harwood, and Laura Chavez. All proceeds go to Freedom Live auction and silent auction.

**Tickets:** \$20 online; \$25 Door

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blues-for-freedom-tickets-36950129833>

## ANTI-TRAFFICKING APPS

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### Apps of Interest; The FREEDOM!

The "FREEDOM!" app is a globally available anti-human trafficking mobile application that empowers individual victims and communities to anonymously safely report cases of human/child sex trafficking in 10 languages at three levels:

- Victims
- Trafficker
- Suspicious Activity

The "FREEDOM!" app is part of Orphan Secure's big data initiative that identifies and rescues victims of human trafficking as well as targets human traffickers and brings them to justice in cooperation with trusted law enforcement agencies and other NGOs. Information sent via the "FREEDOM!" app is processed by Orphan Secure and the Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Cell (AHTIC); the information is then processed, analyzed and disseminated to allow for action by interested parties.

Available for iPhone and Android.