

BULLETIN INSERTS – 2022

<u>January</u> - Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>February</u> – February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patronness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>March</u> – Learn about <u>Labeling for Lent</u>, a national initiative of the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking; include human trafficking issues in your prayers in church and with other groups; contribute to help abolish this crime. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>April –</u> Slavery is far from over as pimps and traffickers sell people and buyers continue to buy. It is a worldwide, criminal business of which we all need to work. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>May</u> – Catholic Health Association, St. Louis, offers a variety of free resources that may be of interest to the parish; Don't forget the toll free help line into Washington – 888-3737-888. **U.S.** Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>June</u> – Trafficking is a crime that can happen in front of our eyes and traffickers are never on vacation. Be alert to children who may be potential targets for traffickers. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>July</u>—Check to see if there are residences around you that serve survivors of trafficking. Staff in these residences help to restore the lives of survivors and can use your support. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>August</u> – Are you aware of trafficking in your state? Do you know your state laws that protect victims? Invite a member of your state legislature to talk about laws or a state patrolman to share his/her experiences with trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>September – Many underage victims of human trafficking are students.</u> No community, school, socioeconomic group is immune. Cases of child trafficking are found in every area of the country- rural, suburban, and urban settings alike. Be alert. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>October</u>—It's Trick or Treat Time and tricking potential victims into promising them something they may never be able to get on their own is a given for traffickers....a way they make their money. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>November –</u> Give thanks that there are many organizations working to abolish human trafficking and that we, as a church are one of them, and can share resources with one another. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

<u>December</u> – A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)