

Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates
Raising Awareness of Human Trafficking

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Human Trafficking

“The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offense against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights” (Pope John Paul II)

From their foundation in 17th Century France, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have dedicated themselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, particularly those which most benefit the dear neighbor. Today, the growing awareness of modern day slavery, known as human trafficking, turns the eyes and hearts of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates to look for ways to address and respond to this present-day slavery. We join with Pope Benedict XVI and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in an effort to raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking. Periodically throughout the year ahead we will provide some education on Human Trafficking in the bulletin. See today’s bulletin insert, *Slavery in the U.S. Today*, for more information.

Websites: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <http://www.usccb.org/mrs/traffickingweb.shtml>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/>