

**Sisters of Saint Joseph and Associates**  
**Raising Awareness of Human Trafficking**

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**Human Trafficking**

*“Action of behalf of justice...appears to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the gospel... the Church’s mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive condition.”* (Justice in the World, 1971 World Synod of Bishops)

From their foundation in 17<sup>th</sup> 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 in this effort to educate others about the issue of Human Trafficking. See today’s bulletin insert for some facts on slavery and a prayer for those enslaved.

Websites: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <http://www.usccb.org/mrs/traffickingweb.shtml>  
Human Trafficking.Org <http://www.humantrafficking.org/>