



BECOME *a* SHEPHERD

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.
PROTECT, HELP, EMPOWER AND, RESTORE DIGNITY

Leader Guide

This toolkit is designed for Catholics interested in learning more about human trafficking.

Participants will learn about:

- the Church's teaching on human trafficking,
- different forms of human trafficking and exploitation,
- trends in human trafficking cases,
- how to identify and where to refer victims and those at risk, and
- how to combat human trafficking in their communities.

It is recommended that this guide be used in conjunction with the Become a SHEPHERD power point. Please keep in mind that the toolkit is a guide to help you engage your community and parishes in combatting human trafficking. It assumes that participants are Catholic, interested in learning about human trafficking, and would like to become more involved in anti-trafficking initiatives. Please feel free to develop your own additional ideas to make this toolkit most useful for your audience and encourage others to do so as well.

By the end of this session, participants will:

- understand Catholic teaching on human trafficking
- be more aware of the different forms of human trafficking,
- want to get more involved in anti-trafficking initiatives, and
- be comfortable sharing what they have learned about human trafficking with their community and parish members



Preparing for your Information Session

- Find out what activities and programs are already happening in your city or state. Contact your local Catholic agency provider for victims of human trafficking and find out if they have any particular action items that you can support and/or if they may be interested in attending or hosting your workshop. Action items would include advocacy around state or federal legislation about a specific bill, attending an upcoming event, or donating time or resources towards a particular project.
- Review the list of suggested resources below to expand your knowledge about human trafficking.
 - [Contact USCCB's Anti Trafficking Program](#) or visit the website for the [Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign](#) if you need additional resource materials.
- Post an announcement in your parish bulletin board and in the Sunday bulletin. Ask the priest and lay leaders to help get the word out about the event.
- If you will not have access to a computer/laptop or a projector and screen during your information session, please print copies of the powerpoint and prayers for participants in advance of the information session.
- Even if you will be projecting the presentation, it would be helpful for the host/presenter to have at least one copy of the powerpoint in order to more easily guide the workshop with the notes provided.

Suggested Resources:

- [Catholic Social Teaching on Human Trafficking](#)
- [Pope Francis Address on Human Trafficking to \(Dec. 2013\) Ambassadors to the Holy See](#)
- [Global Freedom Networks List of Catholic Resources](#)
- [USCCB's Committee on Migration's Statement on Human Trafficking](#)
- [Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita](#)

Please email MRSShepherd@usccb.org to let us know how you used this toolkit and/or if you have any questions.



- [Intercessions for an End to Human Trafficking](#)
- [United Nations Protocol on Trafficking in Persons](#)
- [Department of Homeland Security Human Trafficking 101](#)
- [United Nations Human Trafficking Indicators](#)
- [The Global Slavery Index](#)
- [Catholic Charities USA Human Trafficking Fact Sheet](#)
- [Data from the USCCB Anti-Trafficking Program in 2006-2011](#)
- [2014 US State Department Trafficking In Persons Report](#)

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