Day for Life, June 17 2018

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church’s year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

In 2018 the theme is human trafficking.
On Day for Life, June 17, Caritas Anti-Trafficking the Santa Marta Group the Medaille Trust will launch a major diocesan initiative to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern day slavery.
Caritas Salford works with Lancashire Constabulary to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern day slavery.

The Santa Marta Group is an alliance of international police chiefs and bishops from around the world working together with civil society in a process endorsed by Pope Francis, to eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery.

The Medaille Trust is the Catholic Charity that provides safe houses for victims of human trafficking. They have nine safe houses in total and two in Salford Diocese.
• At a recent count there were 568 ongoing human trafficking Police operations in the UK involving 1,391 potential victims

• But convictions are low

• The Police need public intelligence

• Salford Diocese is committed to fighting this crime by raising awareness in parishes and schools
My brother was held as a slave for 26 years

Alan drifted away from home in his 20s and, for 26 years, we didn’t even know if he was alive. Then we discovered the awful truth - for that whole time, he had been kept in modern-day slavery.

Snapshots, such as this one of Alan, aged three, were all that the family had left of him.

I was at work when I got the call from the human trafficking unit. I work for the health service and occasionally need to carry out database searches for the police. This call was from an officer who asked if I could search for a possible former patient who used to live locally.
Less than 10% of car washes in the UK observe regulatory requirements, leading to high levels of exploitation.
Priests and School

Rural Deans and Deanery Meetings:

• We’ve met with all the deans except Fr Michael Kujacz, St Ambrose Barlow Deanery
• We’ve spoken to deanery priests at deanery meetings St Therese of Lisieux and St Joseph and we will speak at St Chad deanery meeting on May 15

Priests and schools:

• Newsheets
Feast of St Bakhita, February 8: Pray for the victims of human trafficking

Caritas Anti-Trafficking, working with the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust to raise awareness on human trafficking

Caritas Anti-Trafficking

Caritas Anti-Trafficking is a response to Pope Francis’ call for Catholics and law enforcement officers around the world to join together in the fight against human trafficking and modern day slavery. Contact ModernSlavery@caritascard.org.uk

The Santa Marta Group

The Santa Marta Group first met in Rome during April 2014 when police chiefs and Catholic bishops came together in the presence of Pope Francis, to sign an Historic Declaration, committing themselves to a partnership to eliminate human trafficking.

We pray:

for the victims of human trafficking and all those in any kind of slavery

for those rescued from slavery that they may heal from years of abuse

for retail managers that they may rid their supply chains of enforced labour

for the man and women who care for and restore those who have been rescued from slavery.

that the church will rise up and lead the fight against modern slavery

that we may become aware of modern day slavery and learn the signs that help the Police identify potential victims

St Bakhita Mass

Pray for the victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery

Wednesday 7th February 2018

St Mary of the Assumption Parish
Homerton Road, Hackney E9 7TT

7.30 pm with a presentation afterwards on modern day slavery in East London.

Refreshments provided

The Medaille Trust

A Light Shining in the Darkness of Human Trafficking

The Medaille Trust has been providing safe housing and practical support to victims of human trafficking for over 11 years. With a fine reputation for working with people directly affected by this heinous crime, it is one of the largest providers of specialist accommodation in the world, currently offering ten two spaces to men, women and children across the country.

Today's fight for tomorrow's freedom
On Day for Life, June 17, Caritas Anti-Trafficking, working with the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust will launch a major initiative in the Diocese to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern day slavery. Learn more about the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust.

Fifth Santa Marta Group Meeting in the Vatican, February 2018

Law enforcement officers, Bishops, religious sisters and international organisations from across the world gathered to update and share good practice in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery. With input from every continent, each region discussed their successes and the challenges they face. Contributions from international agencies emphasised the role of the private sector and the importance of transparency in supply chains. A particularly difficult issue is tracking slavery within seafaring.

Cardinal Nichols, President of the Santa Marta Group, in his address to Pope Francis, drew attention to the need to always remember the victim at the centre of this evil crime: the enslaved person who demands our action in combating trafficking. Cardinal Nichols said: “Our Santa Marta Group meeting has been a hard look at one of the dark faces of globalisation; the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery. In contrast, Holy Father, we thank you for the many ways in which you make visible the truly human face of our world. Constantly in your actions and words, you remind us that the well-being of the human person must always be at the centre of every endeavour.” For more information on the Santa Marta Group go to www.santamartagroup.com

A new Chief Executive is appointed to the Medaille Trust

With over 20 years in the charity sector, Garry Smith has extensive experience and will focus on driving forward the charity’s aims of supporting victims and survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Since its formation in 2010 the Medaille Trust has become one of the largest providers of specialist safe house beds for victims of modern slavery in the world and has a fine reputation of rolling up its sleeves and working very effectively with the people affected.

Garry says: “I am passionate in my belief that more must be done to support the victims of this heinous crime and that every person affected should receive the highest quality care, enabling them to live an independent life, free from the invisible chains of modern slavery.”

The Medaille trust has 9 safe houses and 109 bed spaces. It has two safe houses in the Diocese of Salford. The short term financial support coming from government is only a start and Medaille funds the more lengthy periods of recovery from donations by religious and private supporters.

As part of the build up to June 17 we are providing all churches in the Diocese with our Easter edition newsletter for distribution to parishioners. We are asking priests to place the newsletters in their church porch and perhaps ask a parishioner to offer them to people as they leave church. For people who prefer to access or read on line the newsletter can be downloaded from our website: http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk/
MODERN DAY SLAVERY IS ALL AROUND US

EMERGENCY
999
In an emergency it's best to keep it simple - call 999.

HELPLINE
08000 121 700
Do you need advice? Phone the Modern Slavery Helpline.

For more information on human trafficking visit modernslaveryhelpline.org or santamartagroup.com

Santa Marta Group
CHURCH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMBATTING MODERN SLAVERY
IDENTIFYING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Show signs of physical or psychological abuse, or look malnourished
- Appear withdrawn, lack self confidence or seem anxious or fearful
- Avoid eye contact or hesitant to talk to strangers
- Little understanding of English.
- Act as if instructed or coached by someone else, or allows others to speak for them when spoken to directly
- Always wears the same clothes day in day out, or wears clothes that may not be suitable for their work
- Living in dirty, cramped or overcrowded accommodation or live and work at the same address
- Control over their movement, or moving as a group or individuals of people at unusual hours.

If you see anything that looks suspicious call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700

Santa Marta Group
CHURCH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMBATTING MODERN SLAVERY
WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

If you see anything that looks suspicious call the Modern Slavery Helpline on **08000 121 700**

Calls to the modern slavery helpline are free and confidential except where there is a threat to life or a minor is involved and at risk of harm.

Callers to the helpline will be able to speak to a member of the helpline team in a non-judgemental, professional and supportive manner. Reports of suspected human trafficking instances will be transferred immediately to the nearest Police department that deals with human trafficking.

If possible be prepared to answer questions on:

• Age
• Sex
• Nationality
• Language skills
• Clothing
• Location/surroundings

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What do we want you to do?

• Talk to your priest and alert them to newsheets and Medaille newsletters
• For the launch itself, make sure posters, leaflets and prayer cards on display
• Try and get an entry in your parish newsletter
• Encourage your priest to say something on the day
• Hand out the “signs” cards as people enter or leave church