

Dear Father

DAY FOR LIFE, JUNE 17 2018: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on 17th June in England and Wales and the theme is human trafficking. Pope Francis appeals to Catholics in England and Wales to open their eyes and hear the cry of human trafficking victims.

In addition to materials and on-line resources from the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, Caritas Salford Anti-Trafficking is launching a separate but linked exercise which is part of an ongoing diocesan strategy to assist the Police in bringing an end to human trafficking in Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

In this package you will find:

- Cards with the "signs" of human trafficking and what people should do if they encounter a potential victim. Please try and ensure that every parishioner is given a card.
- Prayer cards printed by the Medaille Trust. You can order more if you want by emailing a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

There is also a poster and a soft copy poster will be emailed to you which we hope you will also print and display in your church porch.

As well as assisting the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church, the Day for Life Collection this year will also be used in 2019 to help organisations working in the field of human trafficking and modern slavery. Caritas Salford Anti-Trafficking will be raising awareness on human trafficking in Salford Diocese, particularly in schools and churches. Working in partnership with the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust we hope that through prayer and greater knowledge, Catholics can play an integral part in helping the Police end this horrific crime.

On June 17th please encourage parishioners to pray to end human trafficking. Please ask them also to keep the "signs of human trafficking" card so that they know what to do when they see something that doesn't look right and probably isn't.

Thank you for your valued support.

Yours sincerely

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