

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



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The Santa Marta Group

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@caritassalford.org.uk

The Santa Marta Group first met in Rome during April 2014 when police chiefs and Catholic bishops came to 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 men and women who care for and restore those who have been rescued from slavery.

that 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
Todmorden Road, Burnley, BB10 4AU

7.30 pm with a presentation afterwards on modern day slavery in East Lancashire. Refreshments provided



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Victims may:

show signs of physical or psychological abuse, look malnourished or unkempt, or appear withdrawn

avoid eye contact, appear frightened or hesitant to talk to strangers and fearful of law enforcers

have few possessions, often wear the same clothes

live in dirty cramped or overcrowded accommodation, and could be living & working at the same address

seem under the control and influence of others or appear unfamiliar with their neighbourhood or where they work

have little opportunity to move free and may have no identification documents or travel documents retained

be dropped off and collected for work on a regular basis either early or late at night



A Light Shining in a Dark Place 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 109 bed spaces to men, women and children across the country.

