

# ACTION ALERT

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**ISSUE: Human Trafficking**

Find below two resources on human trafficking that you might find helpful:

**STUDY:**

► The 2017 Trafficking in Human Persons Report from the US State Department that offers a comprehensive picture of human trafficking and the United States

<https://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2017/index.htm>

► An Interfaith Toolkit on Human Trafficking:

<http://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/2017-Interfaith-Toolkit-on-Human-Trafficking.pdf>

**ACTION:**

For those of you who might be interested in becoming more involved in local anti-trafficking efforts, mark your calendar for an orientation session on October 19, 2017 9:30 am, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, NJ, Whippany, NJ sponsored by the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking (The Sisters of Charity are members of the Coalition). For more information [INFO@NJHumanTrafficking.org](mailto:INFO@NJHumanTrafficking.org)

**PRAYER:**

Please keep in your prayers the retreat for formerly trafficked women that will take place on August 4-6. This retreat, called “Gifts from the Sea” is a collaborative project of the Sisters of Charity of NY, Convent Station, and Halifax. Sr. Roberta Feil and Fr. Terrence Moran represent the Congregation on the Planning Team; Seton Associate Nancy Smith will also work on the weekend. Thanks to Sr. Rosemary Moynihan and the Council for the donation of \$1000 to defray the costs of the retreat.

Perhaps you might want to pray the SC Trafficking Prayer between now and August 6 for the success of the retreat:

God of freedom, beauty and truth  
we believe that your deepest desire,  
your most powerful energy,  
is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer  
for our sisters and brothers,  
women and girls, men and boys,  
who are modern day slaves;  
They are your beloved daughters and sons,  
exploited sexually or forced to work  
because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion  
that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice;  
that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion;  
that all of us might live in such a way  
that others are not made to pay the price  
for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people  
and our precious Earth itself  
will be treated, not as a commodity,  
but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth.  
Amen. May it be so.