



Network News

February 1, 2016

On February 8, we celebrate the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking victims.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic faith community we value the dignity and rights of all persons and we endeavor to educate, to influence public policy, and to engage our community for the purpose of eradicating human trafficking in all its forms.

We work in collaboration with other faith communities, law enforcement, and established organizations addressing the issue.



THE BAKHITA INITIATIVE

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

This special Initiative is named after Josephine Bakhita, who was born in 1869 in Darfur, Sudan. When she was seven, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. She was so traumatized by the brutality of her captors, that she could not remember her own name- and was mockingly dubbed "bakita"- the fortunate one. At age 13 her

cruellest torturer left her permanently scarred. Her final owner brought her to Italy and when the family had to go away on business, they left Bakhita along with their own child in the care of the Carossian Sisters in Venice. In 1890 she asked to be baptized and received the name Josephine. When the family returned to reclaim her, Josephine resisted. The court upheld her freedom, since slavery was not recognized under Italian law. In 1896 she took her vows as a Carossian Sister and for the next fifty years lived a quiet, prayerful life in one of their convents in northern Italy. Josephine Bakhita died in 1947 and was the first Sudanese to be proclaimed a saint in 2000.

At her canonization Mass in 2000, John Paul II said: "The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights."

The Bakhita Initiative is a sister site of the U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking – collaborating to combat human trafficking. The aim of the Bakhita Initiative is to create a specific nationwide network of U. S. congregations of women religious connecting those involved in activities to end human trafficking. Their website will make available a database and a visual of cross country contacts that will serve to strengthen and unify efforts of U. S. congregations as they address this





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horrendous assault on the dignity of persons.

"It is only by working together and sharing resources that we can respond most effectively to the growing epidemic of human slavery. People need to understand that slavery still exists. It can best be fought by networking."

Prayer and Reflection to St. Josephine Bakhita

God of goodness and mercy, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with charity and patience. May her prayer help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. We pray for the transformation of the hearts of traffickers.

Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita by serving you as she did. May we please you by our faith and our actions. Grant this then, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.

What can you do? The Bakhita Initiative suggests one thing you can do now to help spread the word about the human trafficking:

Put *SOLD*, the movie, in your Netflix que.

Thanks to you, *SOLD* has been seen by thousands in theatrical screenings across the United States.

SOLD was released on US digital platforms on January 10th, during HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

Where You Come In:

Help *SOLD* create awareness and get seen widely but putting *SOLD* in your Netflix cue:

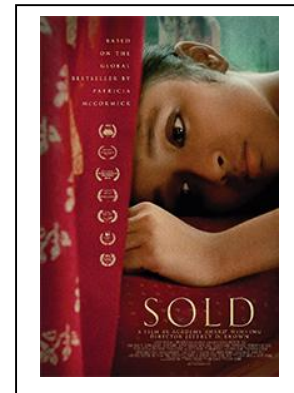
1) Sign in to Netflix and stay signed in (this will only work for Netflix DVD members)

2) Click on this link and hit "Add to DVD Queue"

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3) Go to DVD Queue and confirm that it's there. Thank you for supporting our global campaign to end child trafficking.

Help spread the word. Help *SOLD* be seen widely!



The *Network News* is designed to provide information, articles, and updates about activities and events that are taking place within our Diocese and the surrounding communities in the greater Bay Area. Please feel free to submit comments and suggestions along with any events and articles of interest about human trafficking to Terry Jelley at CNEHT@dsg.org

Review the film:
IMDB- http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1411956/?ref=fn_al_tt_1
NETFLIX - Click on the stars

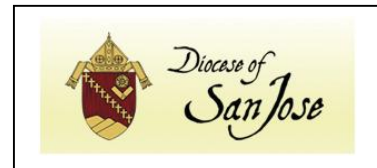
Bring *SOLD* to your high schools or colleges.
To request the PG-13 EDUCATIONAL VERSION (50 mins) for your school, community or corporation:
<http://www.rocoeducational.com/sold>

Keep up on all *SOLD* news on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SOLDmovie>

Sold is a 2014 narrative feature film directed by Jeffrey D. Brown based on Patricia McCormick's novel of the same name. The film, executive produced by Emma Thompson, is about a thirteen-year-old girl from a small mountain village in Nepal. We know that she is about to be trafficked as a sexual slave within minutes of the opening scenes. This arresting film puts the spotlight on a horrible truth hiding in plain sight: millions of children are trafficked all over the world in a multi-billion dollar underground industry.

Diocese of San Jose Update

News from Notre Dame High School



Mikaela Fenton and Caroline Chmielewski-Anders, seniors at Notre Dame High School are proud to announce that *The Hummingbird Project: Human Trafficking* is officially complete. See our website at <http://humantraffickingss.wixsite.com/hummingbird> and view all of the videos on our Youtube channel at <http://tinyurl.com/hvz179w>. Now we are ready to release it into the world with the hope that people will watch these videos and become more aware of the world around them.

Our Mission

The Hummingbird Project: Human Trafficking is a project designed to raise awareness about human trafficking in the Bay Area. This site contains interviews of people from the Bay Area who are part of the fight to end trafficking.

Why the Hummingbird?

The name "The Hummingbird Project" was inspired by Wangari Maathai's story about a hummingbird who tries to fight a forest fire by itself, while all the other animals stand by. It says, "I'm doing the best I can." We know that this project won't end human trafficking, but we're doing the best we can. We too will be hummingbirds.

Editor's note: Network News has followed and reported on the progress of The Hummingbird Project, Mikaela and Caroline's senior service project, since its inception. (See past 2016 issues for details). In addition, Mikaela was part of CNEHT's panel discussion on human trafficking at the Faith Formation Conferences (FFC) in 2014 and 2016. This year, Mikaela previewed a clip from her video at the pre-conference workshop on human trafficking at the FFC which was held in conjunction with the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry.

As a new feature, each month Network News will present a different resource about Catholic Social Teaching on Human Trafficking in both Spanish and English

Catholic Social Teaching on Human Trafficking

Pope John Paul II

The trade in human persons constitutes a shocking offense against human dignity and a grave violation of fundamental human rights. ... Such situations are an affront to fundamental values which are shared by all cultures and peoples, values rooted in the very nature of the human person.

The alarming increase in the trade in human beings is one of the pressing political, social and economic problems associated with the process of globalization; it presents a serious threat to the security of individual nations and a question of international justice which cannot be deferred.

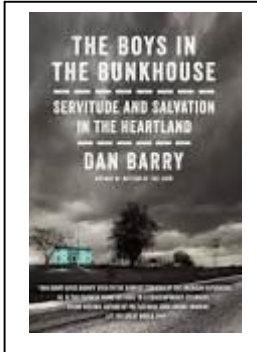
—Letter on the Occasion of the "Twenty-First Century Slavery -
The Human Rights Dimension to Trafficking in Human Beings" Conference,
2002

El Papa Juan Pablo II

La trata de personas humanas constituye un ultraje vergonzoso a la dignidad humana y una grave violación de los derechos humanos fundamentales. ... Estas situaciones son una afrenta a los valores fundamentales que son compartidos por todas las culturas y todos los pueblos, valores arraigados en la misma naturaleza de la persona humana.

El alarmante aumento de la trata de seres humanos es una de los problemas políticos, sociales y económicos urgentes vinculados con el proceso de la globalización; representa una seria amenaza para la seguridad de las naciones individuales y una cuestión de justicia internacional que no puede ser diferida.

(Vea: Carta con motivo de la Conferencia, " Siglo XXI Esclavitud - La dimensión de los derechos humanos en la trata de seres humanos" 2002



Human Trafficking Books

Slave labor! In Africa. In India. In Iowa.

In Iowa? Right. Just down the road, the building on the hill. For more than thirty years! And no one bothered to check on the 'neighbors'. Dan Barry, a New York Times journalist, has described the plight of "a couple dozen men...from Texas...living in a boarded-up schoolhouse...for decades...financially exploited," finally discovered in 2009 through a night emergency call to a dedicated social worker from Muscatine.

Clark Kauffman, an investigative reporter for the Des Moines Register, followed the story of the investigation of Henry's Turkey Service and the subsequent lawsuit filed on behalf of the victims.

Dan Barry's book, *The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland*, published in May 2016, leads the reader into the lives of all those involved in this Dickensian tale--the victims, their persecutors, and their saviors. (Recently cataloged in the Motherhouse Library: 362.3 BAR.)

Trafficking isn't just down at the Truck Stop. It might be just down the road.

Meetings

No Traffic Ahead Work Group Meeting

When: Thursday, February 2, 2016, 10 am - noon

Where: Family Resource Center, 591 North King Rd., San Jose

South Bay Coalition Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 15, 9 - 11 am

Where: Family Resource Center, 591 North King Rd., San Jose

Coalition to End Human Trafficking in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties

When: Tuesday, February 21, noon to 1:30 pm

Where: Watsonville, CA

Activities/ Events/Training

LUNAFEST: Berkeley



When: Friday, February 3, 6:30 to 7:30pm

Where: Kala Art Gallery, 2990 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley

What: Attend LUNAFEST for an evening of fun, food and great films while supporting an important cause. Light hors d'oeuvres at 6:30, films at 7 pm. The Zonta Club of Berkeley is committed to empowering women through service and advocacy locally & globally. Proceeds benefit H.E.A.T. Watch, for the local prevention of human exploitation and trafficking.

Contact: lunafestzontaberkeley@gmail.com

Tickets: www.eventbrite.com/e/lunafest-berkeley-tickets-28746302966

Human Trafficking in Our Community

When: Saturday, February 11, 1:30 to 3:00pm

Where: San Mateo County Community College District Building, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo

What: AAUW event sponsored by the San Mateo Branch with guest speaker, San Mateo Chief of Police, Susan Manheimer
RSVP to Gerhild Klein(San Mateo AAUW Branch Program Manager) by email at gklein@comcast.net or by phone at 650-341-0791.
Questions? Contact Gerhild or Ramona at ramonaraybin@gmail.com.

Know Your Rights in the Workplace Event

When: Monday, February 13, 7 to 8 pm

Where: St. Mary's Parish, 11 1st Street, Gilroy

What: Spread the word to all who might benefit by knowing their rights in the workplace. This is a public service offered by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and partners. In Spanish and English. Migrant farm workers are highly encourage to attend.
FREE ADMISSION

Human Trafficking and Domestic Workers' Rights

When: Wednesday, February 15, 11am to12:30 pm

Where: Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco

What: 5th Annual Trafficking Brown Bag Series from the Anti-Trafficking Coalition of the Bay Area

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RSVP: required by emailing to schoi@apilegaloutreach.org

**Film Night and Discussion:
The Forced Labor Side of Human Trafficking**

When: Sunday, February 19, 6 to 8:30pm
Where: Roxie Theater, 3117 18th Street, San Francisco
What: 5th Annual Trafficking Brown Bag Series Anti-Trafficking Coalition of the Bay Area
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Anti-Trafficking APPS of Interest

OPERATION COMPASS

[Operation Compass – Helping Victims of Human Trafficking Find Their Way Home](#)
operationcompass.org/

One of Operation Compass' primary goals for 2017 is to update its mobile application with new design and functionality. This updated app will further enable communities to easily and anonymously report suspected instances of human trafficking directly from their phones. The new features they would like to incorporate are:

- Integrate a sign-in functionality for any user who would prefer to always include their personal information with their reports.
- The ability for each user to select their location ensuring they know where the suspected instances are being sent.
- Based on this choice the app will populate with the hotline phone number with a partner service provider in the area.

Available on Android 4.0.3 and iOS 6.0 (and up).
For Apple, download on the App Store, or use the Android app on [Google play](#)