

ANTI-TRAFFICKING WORKING GROUP PRESENTATION

21 January 2015

A warm welcome to the Presentation

The outline is as follows:

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- EVERY 15 SECONDS**
- 25 PAINFUL FACTS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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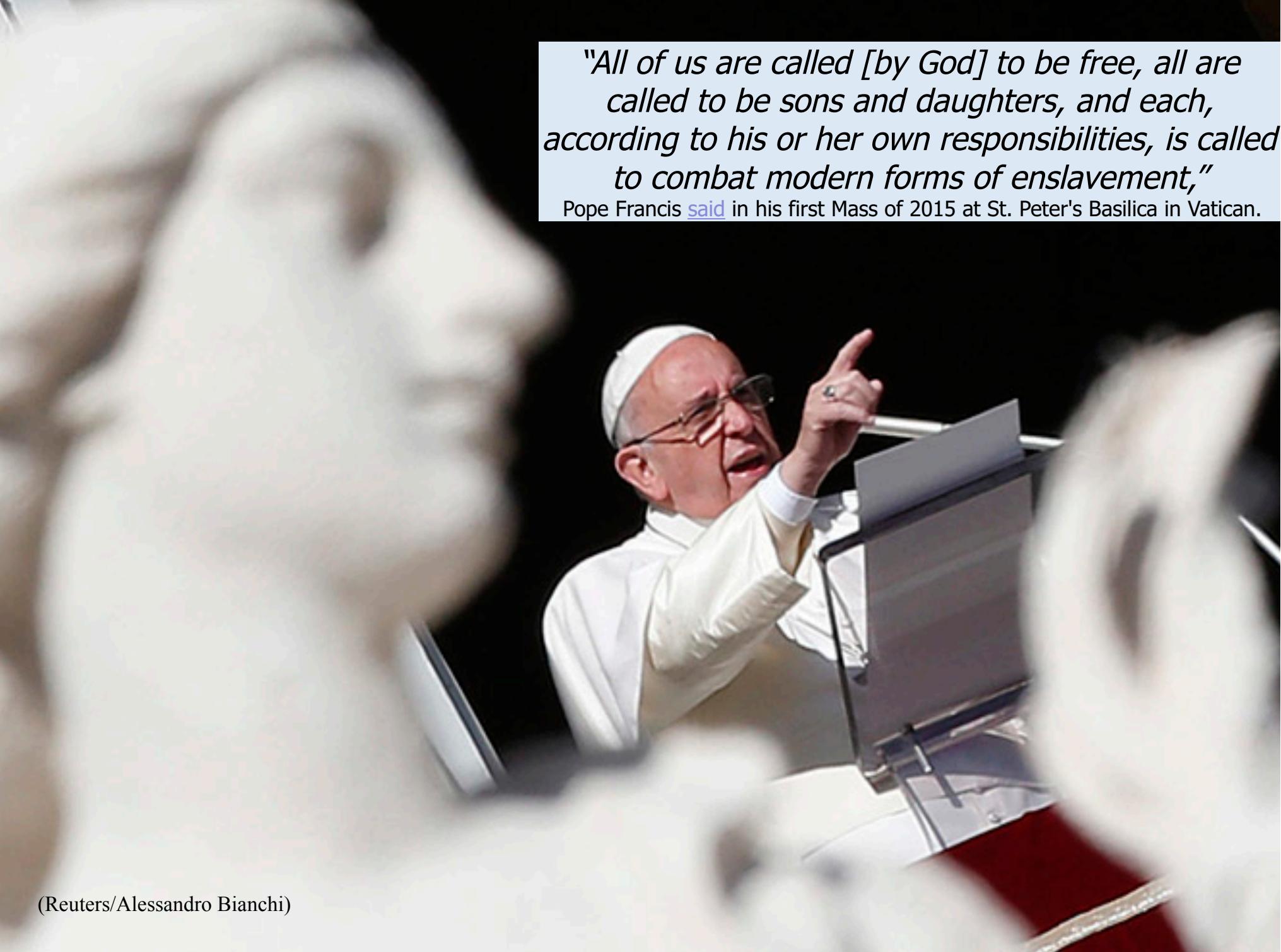
Who we are

- The Anti-Trafficking Working Group of USG/UISG JPIC Commission
- We have 11 active members and
- 15 people on our list for information only
- The group started over 10 years ago, has had different members, almost broke up in 2012 and was re-formed by the current members.

What we do

- Education through awareness raising within our congregations and in the wider society
- Promoting networking among associations groups and other religious congregations to give strength to our effort against the trafficking in person
- (Refer to leaflet for more information)

Why we do Anti-Trafficking work



"All of us are called [by God] to be free, all are called to be sons and daughters, and each, according to his or her own responsibilities, is called to combat modern forms of enslavement,"

Pope Francis [said](#) in his first Mass of 2015 at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican.

"Millions of people today – children, women and men of all ages – are deprived of freedom and are forced to live in conditions akin to slavery," Francis said.

Did you know that there are more slaves today than ever before in history?

25 Painfully Disturbing facts about human trafficking

These are 25 painfully disturbing facts about human trafficking.



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**The average cost of a slave in
2013 was between \$90 and \$100**



**In most regions,
80% of trafficking
involves sexual
exploitation**



**The remaining 20%
is generally for labor
exploitation**

**The number of slaves on Earth
today is estimated
between 20 and 30 million**



Nearly 1 million of them are moved across international borders every year on the black market



70% of those slaves are female



50% are children



**Behind drugs and weapons,
human trafficking is the third
largest international crime
industry in the world**





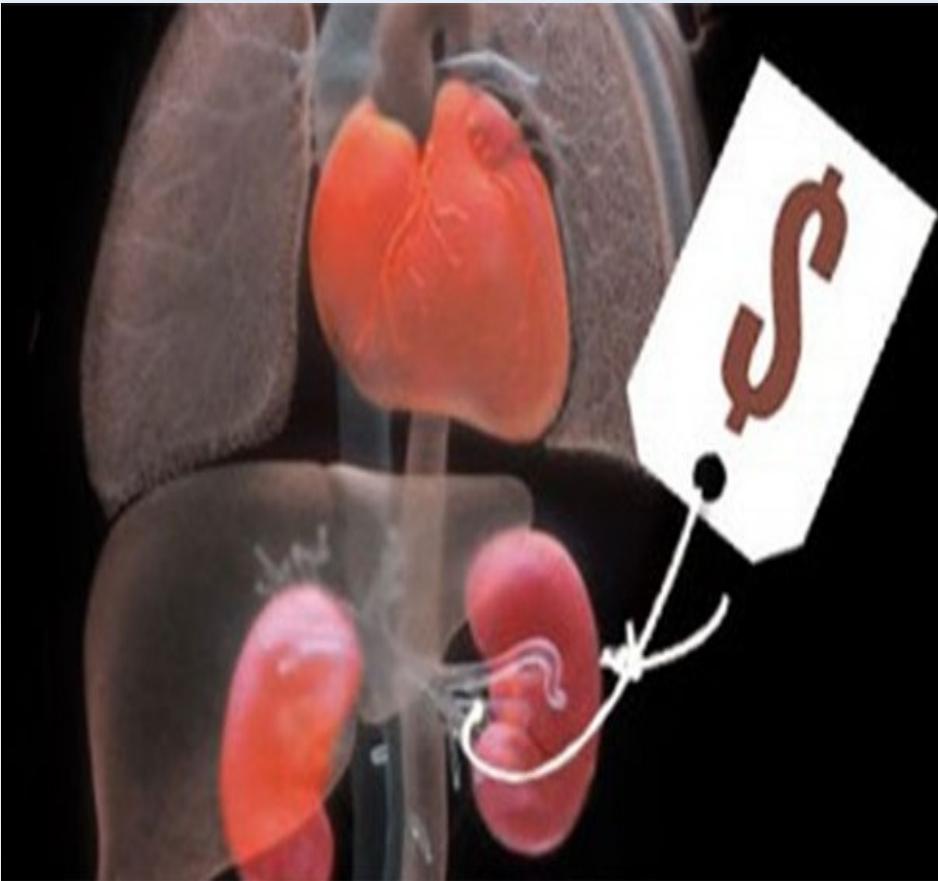
**It generates
approximately
\$33 billion
ever year**

**Over half of that
comes from
industrialized
countries**



**Even for purposes of labor
exploitation, women still
constitute over half of Earth's
enslaved population**





**Organ harvesting is
another seldom
mentioned
but quickly
growing industry
that benefits
from
human trafficking**

**An estimated 30,000
victims of sex
trafficking die each year
from abuse, disease,
torture, and neglect**



**Eighty percent of those
sold into sexual slavery
are under 24,
and some are as young
as six years old**

Ludwig "Tarzan" Fainberg, a convicted trafficker, said, "You can buy a woman for \$10,000 and make your money back in a week if she is pretty and young. Then everything else is profit



**A 2003 study in the Netherlands found that,
on average, a single sex slave earned her
pimp at least \$250,000 a year**



A human trafficker can earn 20 times what he or she paid for a girl. Provided the girl was not physically brutalized to the point of ruining her beauty, the pimp could sell her again for a greater price because he had trained her and broken her spirit, which saves future buyers the hassle



The end of the Cold War has resulted in the growth of regional conflicts and the decline of borders. Many rebel groups turn to human trafficking to fund military actions and garner soldiers.



According to a 2009 Washington Times article, the Taliban buys children as young as seven years old to act as suicide bombers.





**The price for child
suicide bombers
is between
\$7,000-\$14,000**

UNICEF estimates that 300,000 children younger than 18 are currently trafficked to serve in armed conflicts worldwide



Babies are sold on the black market, where the profit is divided between the traffickers, doctors, lawyers, border officials, and others.



Researchers argue that as the economic crisis deepens, the number of people trafficked for forced labor will increase.



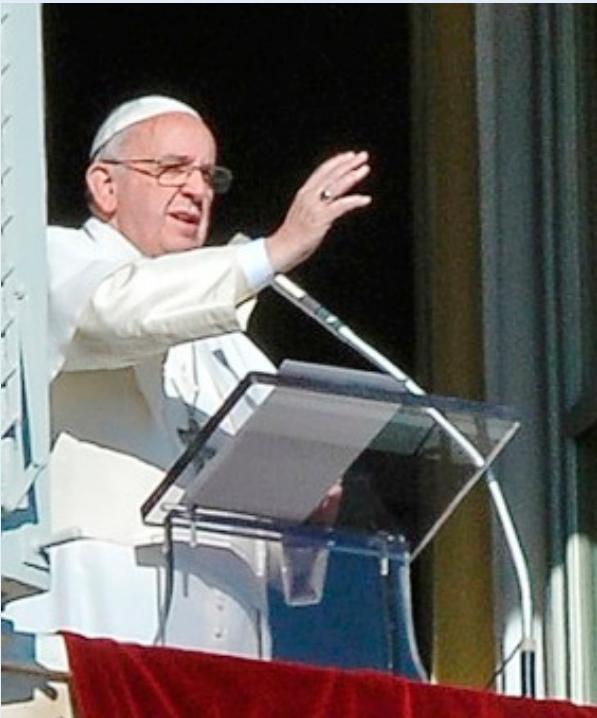
Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Criminal organizations are increasingly attracted to human trafficking because, unlike drugs, humans can be sold repeatedly



There are more slaves in the world today than ever before in history







**Pope Francis marked World
Day of Peace,
a feast day of the Roman
Catholic Church
held January 1.**

This year's message is entitled
***"No Longer Slaves,
but Brothers and Sisters".***

- In the message Pope Francis mentions so many ways in which people continue to be enslaved and exploited today: in domestic or agricultural work, in the manufacturing or mining industry, migrants living and working in inhuman conditions, child soldiers, women forced into arranged marriages, and those trafficked for organ transplants, drug smuggling, begging or other illegal activities.

- As well as praising the “silent efforts” of so many religious to support and rehabilitate the victims, the Pope also calls for “a shared commitment” by States, businesses, intergovernmental organisations and individuals to “offer hope, open doors” and help combat this intolerable crime against humanity.

(from Vatican Radio)

Some Efforts

- The Palermo Protocol
- The ATWG 'Tool Kit'
- Talitha Kum
- International Day of Prayer
against Human Trafficking

REFLECTION

In small (table) groups.

- What touched you?
- Have you or your Sisters/Brothers had any experience with trafficked persons?
- What is your congregation already doing to counter human trafficking?
- What more could we do?
- What can I do as an individual?

Plenary Sharing

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Announcements

VIDEO LINKS

- About Slavery - Free the Slaves

<https://www.freetheslaves.net/aboutslavery>

- 25 Painfully Disturbing Facts About Human Trafficking 3.59 minutes (June 2014)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqCSgCDGNT8&noredirect=1>

- Every 15 Seconds: Matt Friedman at TEDxSan Joaquin 16:45 minutes (Nov 2012)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU9TeVofkDo>