

# COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Everyone can take a role in combating human trafficking.  
Open your eyes to this crime. If you see something, say something.  
You never know who you might impact or save from human trafficking.

- \_\_\_ **Recognize the signs to identify a victim** and report any suspicious behavior to **1-888-373-7888 - National Human Trafficking Hotline**  
Call this number or **Text 233733** to report an anonymous tip, to get help or to connect with a service provider in your area. Even undocumented immigrants are eligible for services and assistance. For more info, visit <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/human-trafficking/recognizing-signs>
- \_\_\_ **Visit Project NO REST** to learn more about the efforts to combat human trafficking in North Carolina: <https://www.projectnoreset.org>  
Share their free PSA posters and 30 sec video for the classroom: <https://youtu.be/k90rPnuwNFY>
- \_\_\_ Subscribe to the **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking newsletter** and find human trafficking resources on their website: <http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org>
- \_\_\_ Bring a **Catholic Relief Services Global Fellows priest or deacon** to your parish to share concrete examples of how you can help CRS with their worldwide initiatives: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/participate/crs-clergy-outreach/global-fellows>
- \_\_\_ **Shop with a Conscience** and buy ethically sourced goods to support justice, not slavery. Many products have slavery in the supply chain. **SERRV**, a partner with CRS, supports hundreds of fair & ethically traded missions. Purchase food, clothes, and gifts at <https://www.servv.org>
- \_\_\_ **Become a SHEPHERD** (Stop Human Trafficking and Exploitation. Protect, Help, Empower, and Restore Dignity) with a toolkit to educate and provide handouts, literature, prayers, bulletin posts, and more on human trafficking: <https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd>
- \_\_\_ **Talk to your youth about stranger danger**, internet interactions with unknown people, dangerous gaming apps, pornography, human trafficking, date rape, sexual exploitation, sextortion, mall safety, online predators, etc. Sign up for the CyberWise newsletter and find out more cyber safety tips: <https://www.cyberwise.org/learning-hubs>
- \_\_\_ Determine your **slavery footprint**: <http://slaveryfootprint.org>

*“How I wish that all of us would hear God’s cry:  
‘Where is your brother? (Gen.4:9).  
Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved?  
Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing  
each day in clandestine warehouses,  
in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging,  
in exploiting undocumented labor?  
Let us not look the other way.”*

- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

