

# Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family

## *Pathway to Peace* Domestic Violence Outreach

Domestic violence impacts millions of women every year.

One in three to four women have experienced some form of physical violence.

Countless women experience emotional and psychological abuse.

Children exposed to domestic violence are negatively impacted in countless ways.

Although to a lesser degree, men also are victims of domestic violence.

Unfortunately, many women are threatened, fearful, and feel apprehensive or embarrassed to reach out for help. Many lack the support or knowledge needed to get legal protection and safety. Some question themselves and may be confused about love and being abused.

For those who are married, some might feel conflicted or unsure about the church's teaching regarding separation and marital commitment in these situations.

Are you experiencing  
psychological ,  
physical, verbal,  
emotional abuse?

***Do not suffer in silence***



Do you feel afraid,  
confused, demeaned,  
not knowing  
where to turn?

***Let us help***

You don't have to walk this road alone. There is help.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, we can help.

The Office of Life and Family is offering women free counseling, emotional support, and advice from a Catholic perspective, as well as resources, and referrals to outside agencies and Catholic Counselors as appropriate. Maybe you just want to talk!

For help or for more information, please call 401-278-2518 or 401-278-2517.



***Program based on the USCCB's Statement on Domestic Violence, "When I Call For Help"***