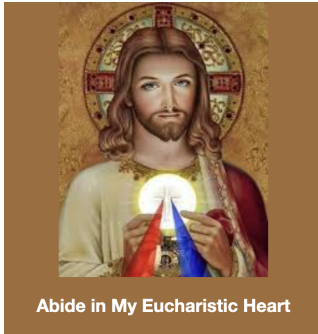




Human Trafficking: What to Know & How to Help

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When you look at the Crucifix,
you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host,
you understand how much He loves you now.
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.



1. How did Felicitas' talk open your eyes to the devastating problem of Human Trafficking and Smuggling?
2. The purpose of this talk was to expose us to the horrific extent of human trafficking and to equip us to help fight against it.
 - How did learning that 50 million people worldwide live in situations of modern-day slavery make you feel? (And even closer to home, that there are over 1 million victims in the US)
 - Have you ever witnessed and/or encountered someone who has fallen prey to these perpetrators?
3. We all have family members, friends, and neighbors that we want to protect against human trafficking predators. As Catholic Christians, our concern certainly extends to all people.
 - Knowing the extent of tactics used by perpetrators to seize and retain victims, what information/caution would you give to children, teens, or college students?
 - What plan of action, even just a small step, can you take to help the broader community?
4. Felicitas gave us definitions of "Trafficking" and "Smuggling." Even though they are not the same, she showed how they overlapped. Specifically, smuggling is consensual, crime against a country, movement across an international border to facilitate unlawful entry, usually involves a fee, and the relationship ends when smuggling is completed.
 - How could smuggling easily lead to trafficking?
 - What are some ways the problem of smuggling could be decreased?

If you have not yet, please consider:

- Reviewing some of the resources, perhaps starting with the "20 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking"
- Watching the movie "The Sound of Freedom" (Angel Studios) which highlights the problem of smuggling & trafficking