



ACRATH members and friends remember Sr Tonet on Bakhita Day- a sister who dedicated her life to helping trafficked women in Cebu, Philippines.

Call to Combat Human Trafficking
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**Reflection by Sr Anne Torney
RSM, President of ACRATH**

Sunday 8 February, the Feast of **St Josephine Bakhita**, marks the first World Day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking. An article in **Mercy e-News**, by Sr Anne Torney, a member of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy in Australia and Papua New Guinea (**SMAPNG**) and President of ACRATH, helps us to reflect on the importance of this day. Thank you to Mercy International Association for sharing this article with us.

Sr Anne comments 'our prayer on this day becomes one of lamentation for the millions of women, children and men trafficked across the globe for human slavery. This day can be an opportunity to learn about trafficking globally and locally, to pray for the victims of human trafficking and for an end to slavery, to commit to buying fair trade products where possible and to advocating for legislation to protect victims of human trafficking.'

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Sr Noelene Simmons running a seminar on Bakhita Day in Western Sydney

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Fight the Trade in Human Lives: Joint Statement from ACBC & ACRATH

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) and ACRATH have released a media statement for the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. In this statement Bishop Eugene Hurley, Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life said, 'It is imperative that we begin a journey of personal change when we mark the 8 February. Human trafficking exists in Australia and on this ... See More



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World Day of Prayer: Let My People Go
By Elizabeth Scully

Most of us think slavery is history. But did you know that a modern-day slave trade exists, including in Australia?

Human trafficking is the illegal trade in human beings for exploitation. In Australia, some examples of trafficking are forced labour and servitude. Industries that have been associated with human trafficking include construction, agriculture, hospitality, manufacturing and the sex industry.

It is difficult to determine the extent of the problem of human trafficking due to the criminal nature of the activity - yet the US



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World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita February 8th

Bakhita kidnapped as a child, sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy, freed then dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery.

How Will YOU Take Part?



St Josephine Bakhita

ACSJC Discussion Guide: World Day of Peace Message 2015

NO LONGER SLAVES, BUT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In his 2015 Message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis focuses on the scourge of human trafficking and slavery in the modern world. He refers to the central theme of his message for 2014:

the desire for a full life ... which includes a longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced. (#1)

Pope Francis constantly reminds us that we are by nature relational beings and relationships based on justice and love are fundamental to our human development. Our calling to forge relationships marked by respect, justice and love is damaged by human beings' exploitation of one another. One abominable example of this exploitation is slavery.

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council acknowledging the World Day of Peace Message



ACRATH, EO, giving homily at the Abbotsford Convent on Bakhita Day.

Reflection & Prayer January 11th - February 8th, 2015

Daily Prayer to End Human Trafficking Prayer to Saint Josephine Bakhita

God of goodness and mercy, remember 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. (Say appropriate daily prayer)

Pray upon the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita, by writing you as she did, may we please you for your faith and our actions. Give us through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.

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8 **Prayer of St. Josephine Bakhita**
Help me, O Lord, to be like St. Josephine Bakhita, who lived and died for Christ.

Designed by Sister M.P. Joseph of St. Joseph's, 2011

Reflection & Prayer



Catholic Parish of St. Canice

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

People Are Not For Sale

Pope Francis has declared today, February 8, as World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. In his message, Pope Francis calls us to practice acts of personal holiness that lead to a state of conversion. Let us be attentive to reflection and conversion, whether as he has challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be the victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select persons who may well have been produced by exploiting others.


We are asked to break of persons trafficked into prostitution, forced into marriage, without any right to give or withhold their consent. Typically they are young women from impoverished countries lured to work overseas, by the time they realize what is required of them, they are too far from home and family and hence, lost in a foreign culture and language, without identification and closed as criminals.

We remember others who are trafficked into Australia to work in agriculture, construction and hospitality and domestic service, many are forced into criminal and the black economy making their escape hard to detect and the victims hard to help.

Let us also remember those who are often in need of spiritual and physical care for children, children in West Africa trafficked into cocoa production for chocolate, migrants in Thailand trapped in illegal money exchange providing cheap fun to Australian consumers. Let us remember the poor women of Bangladesh whose exploited labour and unsafe working conditions result in death.

Let us remember the 355 young girls kidnapped in Nigeria and sent to Boko Haram; reports suggest many have been sold or forced into marriage.

Australia is part of this global issue and our members ask us for a heartfelt commitment to prevention, protection, prosecution and change. The Pope reminds us that it is our moral obligation to make sure the law enforcers that he is to fight against human trafficking.



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