



# Human Trafficking & Slavery-like Conditions

‘I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’ (John 10:10)

*“It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods!... The human person ought never to be sold or bought as if he or she were a commodity. Whoever uses human persons in this way and exploits them, even if indirectly, becomes an accomplice of injustice.” Pope Francis (Feb 2014)*

[w2.vatican.va/content/francesco](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco)

[Pope Francis Video on Human Trafficking](#)

The above links provide access to the 2015 Message from Pope Francis on the ‘**World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking**’ as well as a short video.

The seventh commandment forbids acts or enterprises that for any reason - selfish or ideological, commercial, or totalitarian - lead to the **enslavement** of human beings, to their being bought, sold and exchanged like merchandise, in disregard for their personal dignity...

[Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 2414](#)

**A response from Australian Catholics** by Christine Carolan and Noelene Simmons SM.

This paper describes the forms that **slavery** and related crimes take in the modern world, the Church’s teaching on and response to **slavery** and other forms of exploitation, and the international and Australian laws that deal with **slavery**...

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**ACRATH** is the official Catholic Agency for all matters relating to **Human Trafficking and Slavery**. More information and resources can be obtained from their website...

<https://acrath.org.au/>

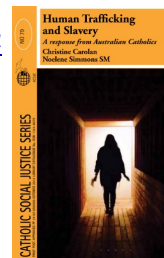
The following link provides access to articles on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (**ACBC**) website relating to **Human Trafficking and Slavery**. “This human dignity is possessed by each and every human being, irrespective of their age, sex, race, abilities, or any other quality. **Slavery** destroys that dignity.” (Archbishop Mark Coleridge)...

[ACBC on Human Trafficking & Slavery](#)

More information and resources can be obtained from the United Nations (**UN**) website by clicking on the following link...

[un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday](http://un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday)

*“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society; a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.” Pope Francis*



# human trafficking & slavery

## † No longer slaves but brothers & sisters

Vatican **World Day of Peace Message** for the year **2015** can be downloaded from **The Holy See** website using the below link...

[Peace Message 2015](#)

*“Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral and not simply an economic act” (World Day of Peace Message, 2015 – No longer slaves but brothers and sisters) **Pope Francis***

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*“No one can claim to be indifferent in the face of new forms of slavery imposed by criminal organisations... How many minors are still forced to fight in militias as child soldiers? How many people are victims of organ trafficking, forced begging and sexual exploitation?” (World Day of Migrant & Refugees Message, 2016 – “Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy”) **Pope Francis***

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*‘There are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek. Slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus’ (Galations 3:28)*

### [Prayer for the End of Human Trafficking](#)

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[www.w2.vatican.va/content/francesco](http://www.w2.vatican.va/content/francesco)

[www.mediablog.catholic.org.au/?s=slavery](http://www.mediablog.catholic.org.au/?s=slavery)

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/series-papers](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/series-papers)

[www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday](http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6zCPq1JHtI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6zCPq1JHtI&feature=youtu.be)

#### **Key Dates:**

8th February **Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita** & the World Day of Prayer, Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking

25th February Intl Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery & the Transatlantic Trade

30th July World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

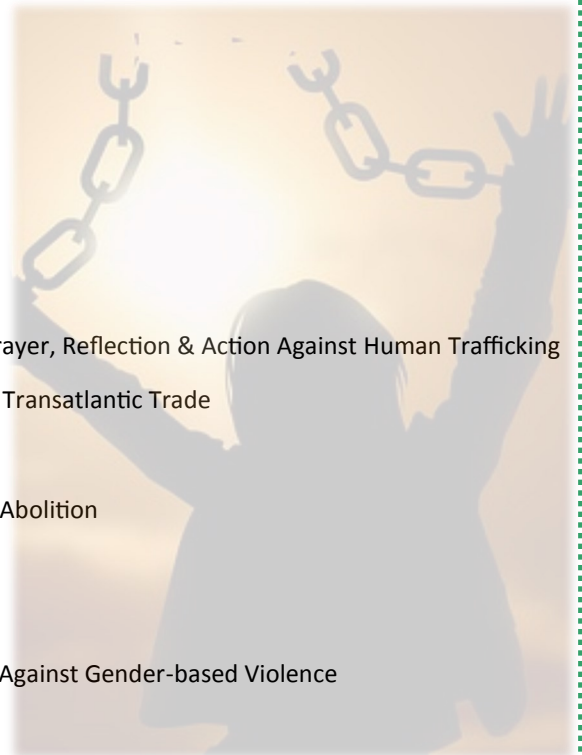
23rd August Intl Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

30th August Intl Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances

25th November Intl Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

25th November - 10th December (Human Rights Day) 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

2nd December- Intl Day for the Abolition of Slavery



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