

## DAY NINE, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Human Trafficking

"Human trafficking (HT) is all around us, in all regions of the world... in practices as forced labour, sexual servitude, recruitment of child soldiers and other forms of exploitation." (UN Secretary General, 2017)

#### Mara's Story

Mara lived in Moldova where it was difficult to find work. She heard of great opportunities in Western Europe so jumped at the offer of a job in a bar. Mara quickly realised that she had been deceived and was now a victim of trafficking. She was bought and sold by traffickers who took her through Albania, Italy, France and England before she arrived in Ireland. Passport and papers were taken from her and destroyed and she was put to work in a brothel. Mara had to work all day and frequently into the night, receiving only food and shelter. If she did not obey, Mara was told her family in Moldova would be killed. Mara managed to escape and got help. (Shared with permission)

#### Question:

What is my reaction to this true story?

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#### Global Facts about Human Trafficking:

1. Human Traffickers deny nearly 25 million people their fundamental right to freedom, forcing them to live enslaved and toil for their exploiter's profit. (US Trafficking in Persons Report, June 2020)
2. Human Trafficking earns the **traffickers** more than \$150 billion per year.
3. **Men, women and children** are trafficked for sexual exploitation, cheap labour and organ transplants.
4. Since 2008 the number of victims worldwide has tripled to 105,787. Over 70% are women and girls and 1 in 3 victims are children.

([www.statista.com](http://www.statista.com) - Erin Duffin Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 2020)

**Pope Francis'** describes HT as: '*ugly, cruel and criminal...an aberrant plague and a modern form of slavery*'. He is asking for a global commitment to end the practice.

Rome, 30/07/2017



[www.aptireland.org](http://www.aptireland.org)

**UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration** - Fifth Informal Thematic Session focussed on: "*Smuggling of Migrants, Trafficking in Persons and Contemporary Forms of Slavery*." This includes identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims." (UN, NY 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017)

[www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages)

#### UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Goal 8, Target 8.7:

calls for nations to, "Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking...recruitment and use of child soldiers..." [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

**CEDAW:** (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

**Article 6:** States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>

#### Action to prevent human trafficking:

1. Raise awareness about HT. Often victims are working in beauty salons, car washes and picking fruit etc.
2. If you see anything suspicious report it to the police or an NGO working to eliminate HT.
3. Share this pamphlet and pray for victims who have been trafficked and those keeping them in slavery.

Prepared by 'Future We Need' (FWN) a faith based group with members from the Columbans, Franciscans, Josephites, Mercy, Presentation and Salesians.

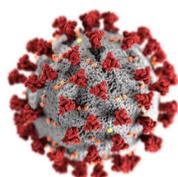
(Updated November 2020)

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries...



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### BEFORE

### THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

**243 million** women and girls, aged 15-49, experienced sexual and/or physical violence by an intimate partner in the past year.

### SINCE THE PANDEMIC

violence against women, especially domestic violence, has increased dramatically.

### EXACERBATING FACTORS INCLUDE

security, health and money worries, cramped living conditions, isolation with abusers, deserted public spaces, limited access to support services.

In some countries, resources and efforts have been diverted from responses to violence against women for immediate COVID-19 relief.

*(unwomen.org)*

### Watch: Faces of Human Trafficking: An Introduction

(2016)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nb66R-Amcz8>

### SEE

- ❖ [www.renate-europe.net/](http://www.renate-europe.net/)
- ❖ [www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)
- ❖ [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)



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Against  
Gender  
Violence...*

**DAY 9...**

*3<sup>rd</sup>*

*December*

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING



2020 UNiTE Campaign Theme:

*"Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!"*