

DAUGHTERS *of* CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, USA



Corporate Stance on Human Trafficking

We, the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of the United States and Canada, believe in the sanctity of every human life and are committed to promoting the dignity of every human person. Therefore, we denounce all forms of trafficking in persons. Knowing that human trafficking today is a complex issue with many causes requiring multiple responses, we commit ourselves to:

1. **Pray** consistently for an end to all forms of slavery, and for victims and perpetrators;
2. **Educate** ourselves and others regarding the prevalence, causes, and solutions to the worldwide trafficking of human beings;
3. **Commit** ourselves to encounter, as possible, those who are most vulnerable to being trafficked.
4. **Stand in solidarity** with the victims and survivors of human trafficking and be involved, as much as possible, in assisting them to recover and heal in mind, spirit and body;
5. **Advocate**, in collaboration with others, for policies, initiatives and programs that work for prevention, education and advocacy with a goal of eliminating all modern forms of human trafficking;
6. **Exercise** responsible consumer practices which foster human rights and prevention of human trafficking;
7. **Promote** the UN Sustainable Development Goals for equitable development and elimination of extreme poverty world-wide.

NOTE: An urgency to migrate – as a result of the convergence of widespread poverty, demand for cheap labor, gender discrimination, economic and social underdevelopment, wars, corruption in the exercise of power and global warming – provides fertile ground for the exploitation of people worldwide

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