



WANT TO HELP PUT AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MICHIGAN?

“Shine a Light on Human Trafficking” Candlelight Vigil *November 13 at the Michigan Capitol Building, Lansing*

What: A candlelight vigil will be held to increase awareness about human trafficking as testimony begins in the Michigan State Senate on legislation to address the issue.

Earlier in the day, the anti-trafficking organization iEmpathize will be displaying a human trafficking exhibit at the State Capitol (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.) that will continue through November 14 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Who: Hosted by Senator Judy Emmons (R-Sheridan) and Michigan Senate
Supported by Michigan Catholic Conference
Michigan Abolitionist Project
Metro Coalition of Congregations

When: Wednesday, November 13, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Where: Front lawn of the State Capitol Building
Located at 100 N. Capitol Avenue, the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Michigan Avenue
Downtown Lansing

Brief: As an advocacy organization, Michigan Catholic Conference is supportive of efforts to raise awareness about the evils of human trafficking and encourages action on legislation that addresses its root causes, shows compassion towards victims, and apprehends and prosecutes traffickers. Earlier this year, Pope Francis urged Catholics to speak up for “those not able to make their cries of pain and oppression heard,” acknowledging the struggle many throughout the world face in securing a recognition of their inherent human dignity. Catholic voices are needed to speak up for the many victims who cannot address their suffering without assistance.

To learn more about human trafficking, check out the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Anti-Trafficking Program at <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/>.

Anyone wishing to ask questions or wanting to attend may email publicpolicy@micatholic.org, or call the Michigan Catholic Conference Public Policy Department at 517-316-3588 for more information.