



Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

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, April 2014

Useful resources for Caritas Students

The following is a select list of items which might be useful as background information. This list is also available on the Justice and Peace Scotland website with hyperlinks to the listed resources.

Definitions and Background

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, though separate issues, are terms which are very often linked together because of their close relationship. However, although it is common to be trafficked across international boundaries and enslaved, it is also possible to be a slave within one's own country. We tend to use the term modern slavery to distinguish it from past forms, but slavery in one form or another has been present in many societies throughout history.

Websites:

- <https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/major-investigation-and-public-protection/modern-slavery/definitions/>
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655504/6.3920_HO_Modern_Slavery_Awareness_Booklet_web.pdf

Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

CST is authoritative Church teaching on social, political and economic issues. It addresses the ways in which Catholics - and all Christians – might respond to the social issues facing the world. It is based on Scripture and the Church's reflection on lived human experience. CST is **an integral part** of the moral teaching of the Catholic Church.

Websites:

- <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>
- <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>
- <http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/>

Videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELyLdMIFdzA>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqSkkeUeV0I>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mhqLPi4CM>

Human Dignity

Human Dignity is the **main principle of CST**. Made in the image and likeness of God, every person is created with intrinsic dignity, with a worth and a sacredness that comes from their Creator. The Catholic Church teaches therefore that human life is to be valued and respected. The victims of

human trafficking and slavery are made to work long hours for little or no pay and for the profit of others. They are often abused and regarded as worthless, treated simply as an object for another's benefit. The person's God-given human dignity is either ignored, forgotten or despised.

Websites:

- <https://www.devp.org/en/blog/human-dignity-cornerstone-catholic-social-teaching>
- <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/catholic-social-teaching/dignity-of-the-human-person>

Videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRcL4s0AVYU&feature=youtu.be>
- <https://youtu.be/gOcheWILkXk>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArUIPCUYVCw>



Organisations

There are many organisations, both faith-based and secular, which are working to stop human trafficking and slavery.

- Stop the Traffik: <https://www.stophetraffik.org/>
- Santa Marta Group: <http://santamartagroup.com/>
- Modern Slavery Helpline : <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/>

Personal Stories

- Ida's Story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSjmu3yuJHI>
- The Alicia Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Du56Njp72E>
- Human Trafficking in India: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yJWvphsa3A>

Scotland

- Modern Slavery Helpline: <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/scotland>
- Scottish Government : <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/human-trafficking/>

Liturgies

- Prayer Service St. Josephine Bakhita: http://www.mercyworld.org/uploads/cknw/files/2015/Prayer_Feb_A4%20size.pdf
- Sanctuary Centre: http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/written_prayers_responding_to_human_trafficking_and_modern_slavery.pdf
- Liturgy for Human Trafficking Awareness: <http://cpcmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/A-Liturgy-for-Human-Trafficking-Awareness-Day.pdf>

Possible Caritas Outcomes

- Artwork/poem/song depicting aspects of slavery and trafficking
- Letters to MSP's/MP's
- Parish/school liturgy
- Information leaflet for parish/school
- Attendance at Rah Rah Theatre Group Production [My Mind is Free](#). [Venues and Dates](#)