



# Catholics For Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse  
*An Initiative of the National Institute for the Family*  
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## Working Together to Promote Compassion and Safety

Hello Lauri,

Thank you for all you are doing to promote awareness and compassionate response in the Catholic community about Domestic Abuse and Family Peace.



We rely on your donations!  
**[Giving Tuesday, November 28.](#)**  
Campaign starts Nov. 15.  
Ready to give now? **[DONATE](#)**

### START A DV OUTREACH MINISTRY:

**[Download the presentation](#)** by our colleague **[Laura Yeomans](#)**, Catholic Charities DC.

*What steps will you take to start or strengthen your ministry to be survivor-focused and community-networked?*



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### ***Best Practices to Support Families and Promote Peace in the Home***

Free Professional Webinar coming November 15, 2023!

**“How Women Use Their Faith to Navigate Abusive Relationships.”**

**Stay tuned for details and registration link. CEUs available.**

**ARCHIVES: One-Hour Webinars** in collaboration with Catholic Charities-USA

**<http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/best-practices---webinar-series.html>**

- Sharing Peace-Based Skills with the Families We Serve
- Strategies for Strengthening Families, Parish Pilot
- Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence
- Ways to Help People Who Use Abuse Learn to Change
- Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
- How to Help Survivors Assess their Risk of Death

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### **Promote DV Awareness Year-round!**

Encourage your diocese or parish to host a Domestic



## National Mass Observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month was celebrated

**Oct. 7, 2023**

National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

Msgr. Charles Antonicelli, Judicial Vicar, presider and homilist:

[Read the homily.](#)

## DV Awareness and Marriage Preparation

"Peace and Respect in Your Marriage," a 30-minute module from Catholics For Family Peace. Add to your existing Marriage Prep program or class.

[Available for free download](#) in English, Spanish, and French.

Violence Awareness Mass in October 2024.

Here is a [sample letter](#) you can send to your pastor to make your request.

**IDENTIFY EXISTING RESOURCES.** CFFP collaborated with interfaith partners who created a "mapping tool" for working with your local faith and civic and agencies that help DV survivors.

- Download the [Community Mapping Tool](#) with Charts you can adapt for mapping your own community's resources.
- [Recording of Presentation to DVAM Partners on community mapping and networking.](#)

**UPDATED RESOURCE PACK:** Download homily tips, flyers, bulletin announcements and more! Please feel free to post on your websites or use in any way that will help families suffering abuse. Created by Catholic Charities DC and Laura Yeomans, CFFP Fellow.

**MEDIA TOOLKIT** - Raise awareness with announcements and resources in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Prepared by CFFP in collaboration with Catholic Charities-Washington-DC and the USCCB Office of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

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**Get More Involved!** Learn more about the [Domestic Violence Awareness Month Partners](#), a group from more than 35 Catholic dioceses, parishes, and organizations working to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month Masses, events and education.

**Next meeting, February 28 at 2 pm EST.**

To participate in the DVAM Partners, contact us, [catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com)

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## Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

### Plus - A Survivor's Story

#### [PowerPoint Presentation in English and Spanish](#)

Laura Yeomans, Coordinator for Catholic Charities Washington DC Domestic Violence Outreach, and parish volunteer Felix Laboy teach about the negative impact on children's mental and physical well-being when exposed to violence in their homes.

[Survivor's Story by DV Outreach Volunteer, Felix Laboy](#)



## A Priest Tells What He Learned about Domestic Abuse

Fr. Henry Ogbuji writes about how his eyes were opened in his book, [From Where Shall Come Our Help: The Lament of Abused Persons](#). He includes a Pastoral Counseling Guide for pastoral caregivers engaged in the pastoral care of domestic violence victims and survivors. "It is imperative to educate seminarians, clergy and lay ministers on how to minister to victims and survivors of domestic violence to aid their emancipation, empowerment and healing." [Read more here.](#)

Join us in prayer at 3:00 pm daily for all harmed by domestic abuse.

[Click for more Prayer Resources](#) from Family Peace.



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