



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 Care

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.

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, September 27, 2023 at 2 pm EST.** For the Zoom Link, contact catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com



**National Mass in
Observance of
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month
Oct. 7, 2023 at 4:30 PM**
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.
[View photos and homilies.](#)

Plan now for October 2023

Encourage your diocese or parish to host a Domestic Violence Awareness Mass in October. Here is a **sample letter** you can send to your pastor to make your request.

UPDATED RESOURCE PACK: 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. <http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/pastor-packet-2023.html>

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.

Best Practices to Support Families and Promote Peace in the Home
Free Professional Webinars coming October 11 and November 8, 2023!
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

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....Church leadership in every part of the world should speak and write in condemnation of the phenomenon of familial abuse; their position on the matter should be unambiguous." [Read more here.](#)

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](#)



Include Domestic Violence Awareness in Marriage Preparation

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

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

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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