

National Catholic Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) Partners

October 28, 2020 at 2 p.m. Eastern by Zoom

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Goal: To increase the number of dioceses and organizations that host a Mass in Observance of DVAM and host relevant activities throughout the year.

Attended: Rita Welsh, Laura Yeomans, Carla Ferrando-Bowling, Julia Dezelski, Kathy Schmutge, Therese Bermpohl, Susanne Carr, Liz Clark, Fr. Don Conroy, Fr. Charles Dahm, Dominic Lombardi, Ricardo Marquez, MJ Park, Lauri Przybysz, Sharon O'Brien

Meeting was recorded:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6xjz73fhkuoylaz/DVAM%20Partners%20Oct%2028.mp4?dl=0>

Program: Fr. Chuck Dahm, Archdiocese of Chicago DV Outreach gave a tour of their website. They feature many videos in English and Spanish. <http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org> They use the "Dating Matters" Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Course. This is available to all; you have to register/establish a relationship with them to access the curriculum.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/datingmatters/index.html>

Reports of DVAM Activities nationwide, and plans for follow-up:

Please send us an email at catholicforfamilypeace@gmail.com what you have done for October 2020. Three dioceses held special DVAM Masses this month. We aim to double that number in 2021.

Wheeling Charleston, WV

- National DVAM Mass celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral, Diocese Wheeling-Charleston: President: Bishop Mark Brennan Mass and Homily
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDYxmovtn_g&feature=youtu.be

San Diego:

- Dr. Christauria Welland (CFFP Fellow) with Martha Mendoza gave a presentation to 45 participants by Zoom in October 14, with people joining from Mexico and Ecuador as well as locally. For the recording,
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/efl1r2vgj6n05b8/Christauria%20Complete.mp4?dl=0>
- On Oct. 17 they had the mass at St. Francis of Assisi (Vista). It was live streamed in YouTube and we had around 150 people at site in a tent with social distancing. See picture attached.
- The priest and the community created a welcoming and educational context to bring awareness to DV. Deacon Ricardo Marquez gave the homily (20:00 minute mark) and Martha Mendoza gave a witness talk. <https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisvista/videos/406752657394402> .
- The Family Life office organized and promoted the Mass, using Flock Notes, social media, and diocesan communications to parishes.
- Fr. Charles Dahm has been invited to do a clergy training in the diocese.

Chicago: Fifth Annual DVAM Mass was celebrated October 18, 2020. Fr. Dahm's homily, including a testimony from a survivor, begins at 20-minute mark.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vmsgy2hQWCI>

Washington, DC, DVAM Activities: 82 parishes posed posters; 45 parishes used the bulletin announcements they sent out, 5 parishes did special outreach and included messages in the homily. One parish did a Halloween fundraiser with decorated pumpkins. Catholic Charities-DC is doing internal staff training about DV and Laura Yeoman is doing a virtual workshop for parents in the coming months.

North Carolina Parish

Rita Welsh from the St. Rita Ministry at St. Michael Church in Cary, NC, reports that her parish offers a Support Circle Ministry to help families like those who have been victims of DV get back on their feet. They are planning on a virtual presentation on DV and healthy relationships.

News:

- Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory has confirmed he will preside at 2021 DVAM Mass at Basilica.
- Catholics For Family Peace became an initiative of the National Institute for the Family, for 40 years a recognized Catholic research and development non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. Fr. Don Conroy is the Executive Director of NIF.
- CFFP participating in IGiveCatholic fundraising campaign Dec. 1.

More Partners are welcome: You are encouraged to reach out to get more partners involved (other dioceses' Catholic Charities, Pro-life directors, your neighboring diocese colleagues,

For next time:

- Carla Ferrando-Bowling and Laura Yeoman will describe the steps to collaboration between the archdiocese and Catholic Charities.
- Catholics For Family Peace will research information about emergency housing.
- Research St. Vincent De Paul ministries and what they offer.
- We hope to distribute a sample letter to give to your diocese requesting that a DVAM Mass.
- Consider increasing opportunities to meet and network as Partners.

Next Meeting DVAM Partners will be Feb. 24 at 2:00 EST. Also: March 24 and April 28.

List of National Catholic DVAM Partners as of 8/26/2020

Arch/dioceses represented on the DVAM Partners:

Arlington	Chicago	San Diego
Atlanta	Kalamazoo	New York
Baltimore	Kansas City, Kansas	Washington DC
Burlington	Los Angeles	
Charleston	Providence, RI	

Organizations represented on the DVAM Partners:

Catholic Charities USA (CC-USA)	Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research Initiative (CFFP)
Catholic Charities - Diocesan	Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry of Archdiocese of Chicago
• Arlington	Little Friends for Peace (LFFP)
• Baltimore	Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Aux.
• Washington	
Christian Family Movement (CFM)	

National Association of Catholic Family Life
Ministers (NACFLM)
National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)
Archdiocese of Washington Council of
Catholic Women
National Institute for the Family
Pax in Familia
USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family
Life and Youth (LMFLY)
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities
Stella Maris Family Ministry Center, Houston, TX