

Special: Covid-19 DV Awareness Resources

The *National Catholic Partners for Domestic Violence Awareness Month* is a joint endeavor of *Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research Initiative* and the USCCB's *Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth*.

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During this time of Covid-19 Crisis, we have the following suggestions to help people recognize domestic abuse and respond with compassion.

1. For an emergency, do call 911.
2. To safety plan for self or family or friend, contact National DV Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 800-787-3224 TTY. <https://www.thehotline.org/help/>

The Hotline is encouraging people to contact them about family or friends.

Listen to the short PBS interview for more information:

“What shelter at home means for those who aren't safe”

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/what-shelter-at-home-means-for-those-who-arent-safe-there>

3. Starting Point: Learn how to recognize and respond to domestic abuse and how the Catholic Church encourages people to respond with compassion. There are numerous resources. We suggest you start with the following:

- a. Catholics For Family Peace. www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.
- b. USCCB <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/> and <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/domestic-violence/>

4. Covid-19 Specific Resources:

- a. Pope prays for women who suffer domestic violence during lockdown:

https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2020/04/pope-prays-for-women-who-suffer-domestic-violence-during-lockdown/?utm_content=buffer6b78d&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm

[_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR1v9AKXuUcYDAxbKksotJoBi utxyak6K5VngpYVF m5Nc-r7-eAnj1M74](#)

- b. Archdiocese of Washington's news article with Ms. Yeomans, Manager, Parish Partners Program

<https://cathstan.org/news/local/as-stay-at-home-orders-may-increase-domestic-abuse-catholic-charities-provides-resources-for-aid>

- c. Dr. Christauria Welland, Founder, *Pax in Familia* and Faculty Associate with Catholics For Family Peace

<https://catholic-sf.org/news/catholic-psychologist-calls-domestic-violence-pandemic-within-a-pandemic>

- d. Spanish radio show: Mrs. Carla Ferrando-Bowling, Director, Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Washington addressed domestic violence issue on Spanish radio show "Abriendo Puertas."

Part1: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsvFzbLKRa0RnVR2CQBTahyEcbsZ?e=3Gg6pQ>

Part 2: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsvFzbLKRa0RnVV3whq5CIP4bNFV?e=jnHbhW>

"Abriendo Puertas" radio show also airs to more than 80 Catholic radio stations in the United States and Latin America. Ms. Acosta also reproduced this conversation on her international radio format.

<https://www.radioamerica.net/> or www.facebook.com/abriendopuertasDC

- e. Futures Without Violence, responsible for the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, is mentioned in this article which also references Catholic Charities USA:

"The Crisis within the Crisis: How Any Physician Can Help Stop Domestic Abuse in its Tracks" at <https://www.mdlinx.com/physiciansense/the-crisis-within-the-crisis-how-any-physician-can-help-stop-domestic-abuse-in-its-tracks/>

See more about Futures Without Violence:

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health/national-conference-on-health-and-domestic-violence/>

5. Elder Abuse

"What's Behind the Nursing Home Horror?" Dr. Charles C. Camosy, teaches bioethics and moral theology at Fordham University

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/17/opinion/nursing-home-coronavirus.html>

Interfaith Partners. <https://www.interfaithpartners.org>. This group directs a Faith Response to DV including Elder Abuse, a specialty program.

6. Additional Catholic Resources:

We recommend these sites to you, most of which are also on the [Catholics For Family Peace](#) website.

- a. Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry.
<https://pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/domestic-violence-outreach>
- b. Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities DC's
<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace/>
- c. Archdiocese of Atlanta
<https://archatl.com/covid-19/> **also available in Spanish: <https://archatl.com/es/covid-19/>
- d. Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
<https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/family-life-ministry/family-life-transitions/domestic-violence-awareness-outreach-ministry/>
- e. Archdiocese of Los Angeles (LA) (Novena for Sexual Abuse Healing)
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/la-archdiocese-to-lead-novena-for-sexual-abuse-healing-99816>

f. Domestic Violence Shelters of Catholic Community Services - Southern Arizona
<https://www.ccs-soaz.org/services/detail/domestic-violence-programs>

g. St. Rita Ministry, North Carolina. <mailto:stiritaministrycary@gmail.com>
<http://hopeloveandpeace.org/>

h. Safe Place Faith Community Outreach, Ascension Parish in San Diego.
https://ascension-sd.org/dev/?page_id=9828

6. Encuentro Latino, an online clearinghouse of research, handouts, and other resources in English and Spanish on domestic violence in Latino/Hispanic immigrant communities in the U.S.
<http://www.latinodv.org/home.php>

7. Learn how to create and promote peace by visiting Little Friends For Peace,
<http://www.lffp.org>

Live Peace, Teach Peace: Tools and Best Practices:

http://www.lffp.org/store/p26/Live_Peace%2C_Teach_Peace%3A_Tools_and_Best_Practices.html

A comprehensive teaching toolbox includes instructions for making and using Peace Train, themes and activities for a full week of Peace Camp or other peace experience, a treasury of 27 time-tested win-win games, peace hero biographies, peace songs, inspirational posters, and a list of books and other resources for all ages.

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