



# Catholics for Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse  
*An Initiative of the National Institute for the Family*  
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## Promoting Healthy Relationships at Home

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.

**Status of Immigration and Domestic Violence: March 26 at 2 pm EST.** Contact [catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month Partners**, networking more than 35 Catholic dioceses, parishes, and organizations to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month Masses, events and education. Read [Minutes from October 2024 DVAM Partners Meeting](#).



## START A DV OUTREACH MINISTRY at Your Parish:

[Download the presentation](#)

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

## Annual National Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness

Homily, Msgr. Ray East

[Listen to the homily here](#)

October 5, 2024 at

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

[More preaching examples for  
sharing how Catholics care.](#)



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

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

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

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

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

- DV and the Black Community <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHRBx6-eAf4>
- 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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### Get the word out! **Homily Tips and Bulletin Announcements for 2025**

From Catholic Charities-Washington, DC. [Download](#). Here's the [Word doc to customize](#) announcements and prayers for your own parish or diocese. Please credit Catholic Charities DC. Gratitude and respect to our partner, Laura Yeomans, for creating this great free resource packet.

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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](#)



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