



# Catholics for Family Peace

## Education and Research on Domestic Abuse

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Partnering to Respond with Compassion

### Greetings!

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



### DV Awareness Month Partners Meeting

*Topic: Catching up; Looking Ahead*

June 24, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting at 2 pm EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81186570594>

- Passcode: 299712

[Learn more about the Partners](#)

To join the Partners, email us at

[catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com](mailto:catholicsforfamilypeace@gmail.com)

### [Minutes](#) of October 2025 Partners' Meeting

### Pope Leo XIV's Response to Violence Against Women

"In a world often dominated by violent thinking, we must further support the feminine genius, as St. John Paul II said, the 'genius of women,' protagonists and creators of a culture of care and fraternity indispensable for giving a future and dignity to all humanity." Leo XIV added that "perhaps this is also why women are beaten and murdered, because they are a sign of contradiction in this confused, uncertain, and violent society, because they point to values of faith, freedom, equality, generativity, hope, solidarity, and justice." [Read more here.](#)

### CCUSA Webinars - Coming September 2026

In collaboration with CFFP, Catholic Charities USA presents a series of free webinars for health professionals and pastoral ministers. CEUs available.

"Traumatic Brain Injuries" -- Rachel Ramirez with the Ohio DV Coalition

"Youth Mental Health" -- Amber Foster and Alejandra Ramirez

*Registration information coming soon.*

### [Best Practices to Support Families and Promote Peace in the Home](#)

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

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



## Online Training Course:

# Pastoral Responses to Domestic Violence

- By CFFP Fellow Christauria Welland, Psy.D. Learn how to respond when confronted by violence in families and work towards healing and prevention. Receive a Level 1 Certificate of Training in Pastoral Responses to Violence in Catholic/Christian families. The teaching material has the imprimatur of the Catholic Bishop of San Diego, California, USA.

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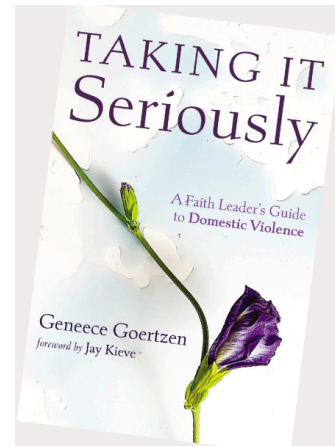
## Ecumenical Resources for Faith Leaders

Domestic violence harms parishioners and impacts our churches. Abuse affects millions across this nation and around the world including individuals in your own congregation.

"The best way that faith leaders can protect their congregations and the victims and survivors of abuse within their congregations is to be educated and informed."

[Rev. Dr. Genesse Goertzen](#) is a friend of CFFP, Survivor, Advocate, Licensed Master Social Worker, Certified Spiritual Director.

View resources at Dr. Gen's website:  
<https://www.hoperisethrive.com/faith>



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## START A DV OUTREACH at Your Parish:

[Download the presentation](#)

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

## Survivors' Stories

Catholics for Family Peace collaborated with Catholic journalist Laura Dodson to anonymously tell the stories of **how Catholics have transformed the hurt and chaos of domestic abuse and violence into a healed space** of safety and recovery for themselves and for their children.



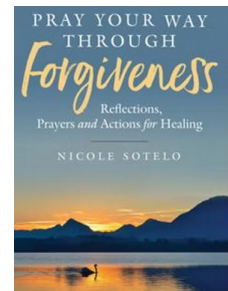
## Resources for Catholic Women Healing from Abuse

[WomenHealing.com](http://WomenHealing.com) is an online resource for Catholic women healing from abuse.

- Prayers and Monthly Spiritual Reflections
- Resources for Your Healing Journey
- Real-Life Ways to Put Your Healing Into Action

Since 2007, *WomenHealing* has been offering prayer reflections, resources, and retreats for those who have experienced emotional, physical, sexual, spiritual abuse.

**Nicole Sotelo** is the author of *Women Healing from Abuse: Meditations for Finding Peace* (Paulist Press) and *Pray Your Way Through Forgiveness* (Twenty-Third Publications).



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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