



# Catholics for Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse

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## Demonstrating the Love and Care of Christ

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.

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

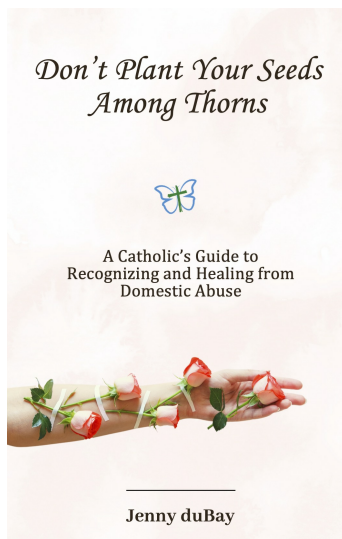
One-Hour Webinars in collaboration with Catholic Charities-USA

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

- **DV and the Black Community - New!** <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

**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.

[Minutes from April 24 DVAM Partners Meeting and link to recording.](#)



A Catholic's Guide to Recognizing and Healing from Domestic Abuse  
New Book by Jenny duBay, [Create Soul Space](#)

In a caring and heartfelt manner, Jenny DuBay has gifted us with a comprehensive book about intimate partner violence, from a Catholic perspective. Jenny, an accredited Trauma-

Available from

<https://enroutebooksandmedia.co>

[m/seedsamongthorns/](#) ; and on Amazon. You may order a signed copy from Jenny on her webpage, [www.createsoulspace.net](http://www.createsoulspace.net)

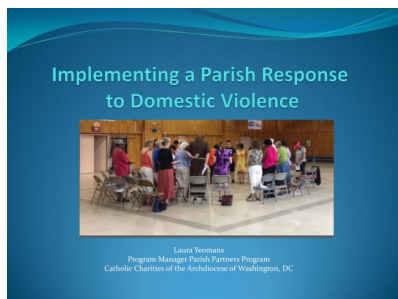
Informed Life Coach, a Catholic author, and certificated domestic abuse specialist, provides practical information and describes ways to recognize an unhealthy relationship and journey to a space of hope and healing for all harmed or who cause harm in this way. A must-read for all those accompanying people on their path to live a safe and sacred life free of violence.



## Thank you, Laura Yeomans for Homily Tips and Bulletin Announcements for 2024

Gratitude and respect to our partner, Laura Yeomans, for creating this great free resource packet for all from Catholic Charities-DC. [Download](#). Here's the [Word doc to customize](#) announcements and prayers for your own parish or diocese. Please credit Catholic Charities DC. **We bid Laura farewell and blessings in her new home.**

**In Memoriam: Sheila Garcia** Sheila was instrumental in the formation of Catholics for Family Peace in 2010. In her leadership role on USCCB's Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, she convened a Work Group of clergy and lay experts to promote a Catholic response to domestic violence. Along with her colleagues at the USCCB, Sheila drafted the U.S. Bishops' 2002 statement, *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Violence Against Women*, which guides the work of CFFP. May her memory be a blessing.



**START A DV OUTREACH MINISTRY:** [Download the presentation](#) by our colleague [Laura Yeomans](#), Catholic Charities DC.

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

## 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.



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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