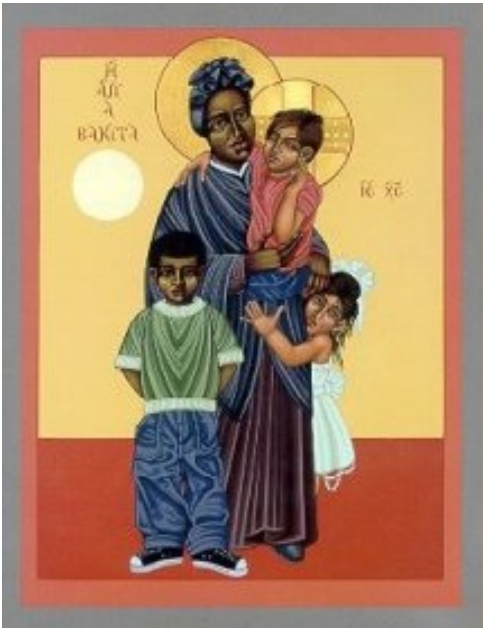


February 08 Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, FDCC



As you may know, on Feb. 08, we celebrate the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking. Hearing her story and the stories of victims of human trafficking and being challenged by the voice of the Gospel in the midst of these situations of injustice, various members of religious congregations have felt impelled to respond. In this journey, we have grown more conscious that Human Trafficking is a tragic violation that devastates its victims, strips away their dignity and security and tears at the fabric of our community. We now know it is increasingly turning into a domestic activity with as many as 15,000 people becoming victims in Canada. At least 50% of the trafficking that goes on in Canada is happening to Canadians and, of that, 80% are women and half of these are underage girls.

RESOURCES THAT MAY BE HELPFUL

These reports as mandated by the UN General Assembly are an international commitment to combat this heinous crime. It covers 142 countries and provides an overview of patterns and flows of trafficking in persons at global, regional and national levels, based primarily on trafficking cases.

GLOBAL REPORT ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 2018: <https://bit.ly/2D8wLVs>

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE CONTEXT OF ARMED CONFLICT 2018: <https://bit.ly/2RTaKms>

GLOBAL STUDY ON SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS 2018: <https://bit.ly/2ycYmWg>

THE PRICE OF FREE: <https://bit.ly/2WOPnt1>

(Sent by Noreen Allossery-Walsh, OSU)

“WE HAVE THE POWER TO END CHILD LABOUR”

PRAYER

JESUS, COMPANION OF THE TRAFFICKED

(Education for Justice) See attachment

PRAYER SERVICE FOR AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

(Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center) See attachment

