

JOIN THE FIGHT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign

November 25 - December 10

16 DAYS

2016 Christmas Greeting

As we move towards the end of the year and the celebration of Christmas, we take the opportunity to thank our supporters and friends for supporting Break the Chains this year.

You may be interested in following the #16Days16Stories Campaign: 25 November - 10 December.

Mercy Global Action at the United Nations in partnership with others is launching this global campaign to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

#16Days16Stories focuses on the experience of formerly trafficked women and girls who give testimony to gender discrimination and marginalisation from childhood into adulthood. Their stories, told in their own words, highlight the many human rights violations and cumulative disadvantages in their life journeys. Through their stories, survivor advocates provide key insights into preventative measures to end human trafficking.

The campaign begins on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November, and ends on International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

The anti-trafficking project is just one part of the work of Mercy International Association's outreach to the poor. MIA's network connects it to the 44 countries where Mercy ministers and its DPI (Department of Public Information) and EcoSoc (Economic and Social Council) status at the UN affords us a unique capacity for linking the local and the global. This in turn enables us to address root causes of poverty. While there are many causes of poverty, Mercy concentrates on climate change, environmental degradation, sustainable development and combating human trafficking.

The other main objective of MIA is to stimulate and inspire Sisters of Mercy, their associates and colleagues in ministry, to continue the work of Catherine McAuley in ways appropriate to the needs of the world for the time being. Fundamental to this is formation in the heritage and values of Mercy through programmes, pilgrimage, heritage, and spirituality resources and leadership formation.

May our collective efforts and goodwill enable us to make a difference in the lives of those with whom the Sisters of Mercy and their colleagues minister in the name of the God of Mercy.

May God bless you and your loved ones at this time.



Julien O'Connell, Denise Fox rsm, Rachael Ward and Joy King

We can never say, "it is enough".

Catherine McAuley

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