



## Join the USCCB's Anti-Trafficking Campaign

The USCCB has launched the Become a SHEPHERD campaign (*Stop Human trafficking And Exploitation. Protect, Help, Empower, And Restore Dignity*) to educate Catholics on human trafficking. The Bishops urge Catholics to participate in the upcoming February 8th Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Human Trafficking.

February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita ([link](#)), who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. Once Josephine was freed, she dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering.

"On that day, we will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors" said Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., chairman of the Committee. "If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."

The USCCB's anti-trafficking program encourages Catholics to utilize the **Become a SHEPHERD** toolkit ([link](#)) and other USCCB resources to host prayer services and information sessions on human trafficking and exploitation. Catholics are invited to pray for the emotional, physical, and spiritual healing of those that have been trafficked, and make a personal commitment to work against human trafficking.

For more information on the USCCB Anti-Trafficking program visit:  
<http://www.usccb.org/stopslavery>