



Awareness of Local Human Trafficking Issues and Discernment of Our Response Event

PANEL DISCUSSION (adults welcome)- Wednesday, February 17, 2016

7:00-9:00 PM, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

Lower level of church, 1449 Wilcox Park Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI

AGENDA for Panel on the Local Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women:

John Graveline, Faith Formation Consultant, Saint Luke University Parish- **Catholic Social Teaching**

Meaghan Pear, **The Michigan Abolitionist Project**- Introduction to local trafficking issues and laws and how the faith community can help

Mary Wisner, **Women at Risk, International** – Update on Women at Risk and invitation to get involved

Lorilyn Wiering, **The Red Cord Project**- The Power of prayer and invitation for support

Randy Flood, **The Men's Resource Center** - Reducing demand and underlying issues

FREEDOM FAIR (all welcome) - February 20-21, 2016, after all Masses

During doughnut hospitality in the church social hall, lower level.

Local vendors to Include:

Women at Risk, International

SERRV

Global Infusion

Events hosted by the Social Justice Advocacy Ministry (SJAM) of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. Contact Mary Fey at 361-0661 for questions.

How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (Gen. 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way.' - Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium