

Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

With 1 in 5 women experiencing violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime, it is vital that we become aware of those in our parishes whose relationship is suffering, and prepare so that we know how to safely and pastorally help them, and to be a bridge to services for healing. The links below will take you to resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholics for Family Peace, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Because there is a large amount of possibilities, Notes have been provided for what may be of practical help in helping parish members become more aware, inspired, and engaged. Parish Packet of Handouts: <http://www.gbdioc.org/parish-planning-and-pastoral-services/pastoral-ministrycare-ministry/parish-packet-domestic-violence-materials.html>.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/index.cfm>

NOTE: “Preaching About Family Violence” and “What do you Say” are especially important



<http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/downloadable-resources.html>

NOTE: all of these downloads are excellent! Also, these videos are powerful:

<http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/video-resources.html>

The National Domestic Violence
HOTLINE

<http://www.thehotline.org/resources/download-materials/>

NOTE: Power and Control Wheels are a newer resource and very enlightening for helping women realize that they are being abused.

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