

## SOCIAL AWARENESS PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SPAIN

### BRIEF REPORT 2016

#### "SPAIN GROUP RENATE"

We place this reflection in the context of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis on 8 December 2015. The spirit of compassion and solidarity has been the transverse axis of our programming, which today we value positively, and we share it fraternally with all the members of RENATE.

The words of Pope Francis: "NO SLAVES BUT BROTHERS" and his concern for the phenomenon of trafficking, also remains our concern in the social programs that we carry out.

**THE INTER-ECCLESIAL GROUP** against human trafficking is composed of distinct entities: Episcopal Conference on Migration, Spanish Caritas, Justice and Peace, Amaranta Foundation, Foundation 'Cruz Blanca', Villateresita, Oblate Sisters, Dominican Sisters, Institute Mary Word, Lay Personal expert on trafficking, and the Spanish Conference of Religious (CONFER).

We still think that networking is essential, and it looks forward and helps to empower all those voices that are not listen to in society, and to fight for the value of human dignity. We need to continue articulating all the synergies and networks of our social and ecclesial fabric in Spain.

**OUR MISSION:** To express jointly and globally a clear position as Church and an appeal to the Christian community and to society in general about human trafficking.

**VALUES AND POSITION:** Our source of inspiration is the Gospel and the Catholic Social Teaching. We position ourselves in favor of the victims and affirm that: **The global phenomenon of human trafficking is a very serious violation of human rights, which reduces the human being, created in the image and likeness of God, to a state of servitude and slavery.**

**REALITY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** We detect that:

- Information and awareness about the reality of trafficking is very limited.
- Public policies do not always provide adequate responses and do not act on the structural causes of the phenomenon of human trafficking.
- The measures laid down for protection and assistance to the victims are still insufficient to ensure respect for their rights.

## **COMMITMENTS: PROJECT OF RAISING AWARENESS**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- To raise awareness in society about human trafficking
- To enhance the visibility of this social drama
- Higher incidence in the line of human rights
- Training, information and dissemination of material on human trafficking
- Political, social and ecclesial incidence together with other entities

### **ACTIONS:**

- Declarations. Joint press notes on special dates (July 30)
- A Day especially dedicated to human trafficking on occasion of the European Day against human trafficking (October 18)
- Preparation and dissemination of material in connection with the Prayer Vigil (8 February)
- Workshops, talks in Parishes, to Adolescents in different schools in Spain, especially in Madrid, Leon and Segovia.
- Participation in Round Tables in Seville and Madrid with other entities.
- Dissemination of material and reflection on human trafficking through social networks