



International Interreligious Network for the Fight against Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking in Human Beings and Prostitution

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In all religious traditions, common values motivate religious communities to promote peace and end exploitation.

In December 2014, key faith leaders met for the first time at the Vatican and signed a Manifesto against Human Trafficking. They all united in a great interreligious struggle against this crime and committed themselves to promote these communities in the eradication of modern slavery.

Here are their joint statements:

"Together, in honor of our faith traditions, we recognize that trafficking and modern slavery violate the fundamental belief that all people are equal, deserving of equal freedom, respect, and dignity. In solidarity with victims and survivors, we are committed to inspiring spiritual and practical action by all the world's religions to end abuse, exploitation and trafficking everywhere."

Religious organizations are effective partners in the fight to eradicate modern slavery. Trafficking must be fought with both global and local tools.

They have a long history of working with the poor, immigrants and exploited people and have a deep understanding of the reality of exploitation in their respective countries.



Large global organizations are not always able to gather information quickly at the local level, and information at the local level, and therefore are not able to anticipate certain criminal activities. In contrast, many faith-based organizations are able to act with great skill both globally and locally. to act with great competence at both the global and local levels.

Why do we need to bring together the leaders of the religious faith?

About 84% of the world's population practices a religion, according to a study by the Pew Research Center. Leaders of different religions have the ability to promote sustainable and positive positive change by raising social awareness on this issue.

All the world's faiths refer to the obligation to help the most vulnerable. The religions have always been major players in the fight against sexual exploitation. They are united by several principles, including the defense of human dignity, and carry out valuable work.

Religions have achieved very important results in their work of prevention and protection of victims. It is therefore necessary that the leaders of the different religious confessions religious denominations to join together in this struggle.

The final goal is to unite the religious world in a great struggle against modern slavery prostitution, pimping and pornography by carrying out actions on the ground.

The major religions are strategic allies. A multicultural and inter-religious approach religious approach becomes more necessary than ever in the context of the current globalization. Their message will be all the stronger and more effective if they encourage their communities to invest in this struggle.



History of the Liberanos organization and official support of the project by the Academy of Social Sciences of the Vatican

The Liberanos Project and the creation of an interfaith anti-trafficking and prostitution network began back in 2016.

This project was conceived by three religious authorities: the Pope for Catholics, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby for Anglicans, and the Rector of the Grand Mosque Al-Azhar for Muslims.

The members of the French team have done important work with the Vatican, represented by Monsignor Sánchez Sorondo (Papal Spokesperson), Ms. Gabriella Marino and the team of the the Pontifical Academy. They have worked closely with several religious organizations in the organizations, such as: USMI, headed by Sister Bonetti, and the Talitha Kum Network, with its 47 member organizations from around the world.

Members of this team have attended congresses in Rome that have brought together the main the main actors of this struggle. Among them, we can mention: Pierre Morel, former Ambassador of France to the Holy See, Yves Charpenel, Alejandra Scelles, Philippe and Yves Scelles, Jean-Sébastien Mallet, Laurence Dell'Aitante and Marta Torres.

Several of them have agreed to take on responsibilities in this project, which was awarded the the beginning of 2021 the formal blessing from the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences of the Social Sciences of the Vatican.

This project, a real start-up, is led by a team, with offices in Paris, a website www.liberanos.org, and an email address info@liberanos.com



The objectives of the project

Liberanos is a global interfaith abolitionist partnership. This innovative, multi-cultural and inter-faith project is aimed at the world's churches, religious organizations, research centers, congregations, universities, media, schools, NGOs, religious for victims, cultural organizations, but also trade unions and political parties.

The work of these organizations is valuable. It is necessary to create a network in order to their work and to allow a better sharing of their practices and know-how. The Liberanos Network should enable key leaders of the faith to coordinate their efforts and work.