

Engaging Orthodox Christian Communities in Ending Sexual Exploitation:
Supplemental Information



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Orthodox Statements Against Sexual Exploitation

Patriarch Teoctist of Romania

“Crime increases in countries that legalize prostitution and women caught in the drama of the brothels are irremediably affected psychologically and physically.”¹

Rev. Dr. Doru Costache

“Prostitution is a form of spiritual suicide, annulling the difference between human beings and animals”²

Rev. Alexandru Plescan

“Prostitution is a calamity that must be eradicated.”³

Rev. Paul O’Callaghan

“The principle we need to understand about pornography and sex in the media is that what we are really dealing with is prostitution: men and women, actors and models, basically selling themselves for the sexual enjoyment of others. And what we are doing when we watch it or look at the magazines is engaging in a spiritual act of prostitution. And this can never be right. If we do, we’re involved in the sin of others.”⁴

Metropolitan Nikitas C. Lulias of Hong Kong and Southeast Asia

“Along with poverty, we face the serious increase of issues related to sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV and AIDS. These problems are, in turn, directly related to the scandals of human slave trade, exploitation, forced prostitution and the like. And, while governments and agencies hold meetings, conferences and seminars, the results are seemingly few. Thoughts, statements and agreements rarely find themselves realized, especially in the communities of the marginalized. While these are, indeed, the issues and problems that plague society, they are of more concern to the person, the woman, the child, and the man. It is primarily for these reasons that the religious leaders are called to take up the challenge and offer some insights and guidance as to what must be done. It is necessary, though, for us to start at the lowest and simplest level — the human being.”⁵

Bishop Ciprian Campieanul of Oreoi (Romania)

“It is necessary that all Orthodox Churches join the fight against prostitution.”⁶

¹ Lavina, Stan and Lucian Turcescu, *Religion and Politics in Post-Communist Romania*, p. 191.

² Lavina, Stan and Lucian Turcescu, *Religion and Politics in Post-Communist Romania*, p. 190 ff.

³ “Religion, Politics and Sexuality in Romania” Lucian Turcescu and Lavinia Stan. in *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 57, No. 2, March 2005, pp. 291-310, p. 304.

⁴ http://www.orthodoxresearchinstitute.org/articles/ethics/ocallaghan_sex_pornography.htm, accessed August 24, 2010.

⁵ http://www.orthodox.cn/catechesis/sicknessandsin_en.htm, accessed August 24, 2010.

⁶ Letter of Bishop Ciprian on Behalf of the Patriarch Teoctist to the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church, 19 December, 2003.

Must-Read Books

A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery

Author: E. Benjamin Skinner (Free Press, 2008)

Journalist E. Benjamin Skinner gives several accounts of current slaves and traffickers, but emphasizes slavery victims in Haiti, Sudan, Romania and India. Their stories and conditions are recorded and analyzed.

A Piece of Cake

Author: Cupcake Brown. (Crown Publishers, 2006)

Cupcake's story encompasses foster care, child abuse, rape, drug dealing and addiction, alcoholism, gang activity, prostitution, and homelessness. In this original narrative, she describes overcoming these obstacles with the help of friends and strangers.

Bodies and Souls

Author: Isabel Vincent (HarperCollins Publishers, 2005)

The story of Jewish women victimized into the sex trade from the late 1860s to the beginning of the Second World War is told through academic studies and biographical accounts. In South America, South Africa, India, and New York, these women, shunned by the Jewish community, formed their own Jewish order spreading love and acceptance.

The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It.

Author: Victor Malarek (Arcade Press, 2009)

The journalist and author of *The Natashas* (see below) writes another exposé on the sex industry, its customers, and the women who are trafficked from around the world into sexual slavery to meet the demand for paid sex.

Listening to Olivia

Author: Jody Raphael (Northeastern University Press, 2004)

Jody Raphael gives voice to a woman formerly in prostitution and stripping in Chicago, Olivia, who suffered from drug addiction, abuse, and poverty. Olivia overcame her obstacles and now works to help women exit the sex trade and leave behind a life of shame and harm.

The Macho Paradox

Author: Jackson Katz (Sourcebooks, Inc., 2006)

In this book, Katz speaks to all men, who, he argues, have a role to play in preventing male violence against women. His basic assertion is that rape, battering, and sexual abuse and harassment are so widespread that they must be viewed not as issues relevant only to troubles individuals but rather as a social problem rooted in our culture.

The Natashas

Author: Victor Malarek. (Arcade Publishing, 2004)

The trend of Eastern European girls being forced into the sex trade is examined—how they get there, what happens, how they survive—as well as its impact on globalization.

Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It

Author: David Batstone (HarperCollins Publishers, 2007)

Journalist, professor, and editor David Batstone profiles the new generation of abolitionists who are leading the struggle to end modern-day slavery.

Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress

Editor: Melissa Farley (The Haworth Maltreatment & Trauma Press, 2000)

An analysis of all aspects of the sex industry, from impoverished Mexican prostituted women to those trafficked around the world, and highlights the various forms of harm they face.

Sold

Author: Patricia McCormick (Hyperion, 2006)

SOLD is the fictional story of 13-year-old Lakshmi, a Nepalese girl sold into prostitution and held against her will in a brothel in India. This book is suitable for young adults.

Must-See Films

Bangkok Girl

Nineteen-year-old Pla tells of her experience trying to avoid prostitution while working in a bar in Thailand since the age of 13. The film shows how, with time, she will inevitably be forced into the trade. (42 min)

Call and Response

CALL+RESPONSE is a first-of-its-kind feature documentary film that reveals the world's 27 million dirtiest secrets: there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. CALL+RESPONSE goes deep undercover where slavery is thriving from the child brothels of Cambodia to the slave brick kilns of rural India to reveal that in 2007, slave traders made more money than Google, Nike and Starbucks combined. (89 min)

Demand

This documentary exposes the men who buy commercial sex, the vulnerable women and children sold as commodities, and the facilitators of the trade within the marketplace of exploitation. (45 min)

Holly

An American stolen-artifacts dealer comes across a 12-year-old Vietnamese girl sold by her family into prostitution. The film focuses on his attempt to bring the girl to safety and raise awareness about child trafficking. (114 min)

Lilya 4 Ever

At 16 in the former Soviet Union, Lilya is left by her mother and tricked into prostitution. The film tells the story of the horror Lilya's life soon becomes. (109 min)

Not for Sale

This documentary investigates the 27 million individuals ensnared in the modern-day slave trade. Undercover footage covers trafficking operations and what today's abolitionists are doing to fight the rampant terrors of human trafficking in the US and abroad. (85 min)

Svetlana's Journey

Based on a true story, this drama describes the experience of a young Bulgarian girl sold by her adopted parents to a pimp for only 10,000 euros. (40 min)

Trade

A girl from Mexico City is abducted into modern day slavery, and her brother goes on a quest to rescue her. (119 min)

Turning a Corner

This documentary tells the stories of those affected by the sex trade in Chicago and examines efforts to implement policy reforms necessary to end the harm experienced by those in prostitution. (60 min)

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Very Young Girls

This film follows 13- and 14-year-old girls in New York and addresses the mistreatment and abuse that they endure as prostituted young women. Rachel Lloyd, a survivor herself, runs GEMs, a recovery center dedicated to supporting young girls as they exit the sex trade. (84 min)

Faith-Based Programs/Curricula

Freedom Begins Here

This faith-based program for sexual addiction provides resources and a safe place where people can find help with their struggle, equips church leaders with powerful tools to address the addiction, educates professional counselors with in-depth clinical training, and builds a movement of people who are willing to take a stand against sexual harm. For additional information, go to <http://www.freedombeginshere.org/>.

Porn and Pancakes

Pornography is a \$57-billion-a-year worldwide business. Everywhere we go, we are confronted with sexual images and dialogue. While having breakfast, men and boys in junior high and older meet with church counselors to discuss the harms of pornography and sexual addictions. Porn and Pancakes encourages and teaches men of all ages to overcome sexual addictions and pursue healing. For more information go to <http://xxxchurch.com/pornandpancakes/>

Set the Captives Free

This eight-week Bible study guide can be used for group study to enhance participants' Biblical understanding of human trafficking. The guide helps the reader turn knowledge into action in the fight against slavery. It is used along with the book "Not for Sale" (listed in the Book section) and addresses issues such as doubt and feelings of helplessness, justice, fasting, personal responsibility, the causes of modern slavery, personal goals and convictions, how to confront suffering, and much more. For more Information, go to http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/nfs_bible_study.pdf.

Not for Sale Campaign also has resources available for participation in their Freedom Sunday annual awareness-raising event. Go to <http://freedomSunday.org> for information.

Simply Youth Ministry

There are students in your youth ministry who are desperately hurting from the pain of a broken home or struggling with depression, abusive relationships, or other life challenges. Life Hurts God Heals is a comprehensive eight-step recovery program providing life-long tools to students suffering pain and addiction. For more information, go to: <http://www.lifehurtsgodheals.com>.

Stop the Traffik Faith Resources

These resources include a Bible study comparing human trafficking to slavery, guides for praying for the people and issues involved, and a video and song that can be used for church groups or individuals looking to inspire participation in a campaign of awareness or education. Stop the Traffik also has a packet of information for event organizers with many ideas for projects that groups can do to take action. For more information, go to: <http://www.stophetraffik.org/resources/faith.aspx>.

Wise as Serpents

Whether they are approached by a pimp at a vulnerable time or discover pornography on the Internet, youth face situations they may not be equipped to handle. Wise as Serpents is a six-lesson curriculum

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for junior high youth. It provides a forum for discussing the ways young people might be affected by the sex industry and how their faith guides them to respond. For more information, go to: http://www.adultssavingkids.org/wise_as_serpents.html.

International Faith-Based Organizations

International Justice Mission

International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators, and aftercare professionals work with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, prosecute perpetrators, and promote functioning public justice systems.

For additional information:

<http://www.ijm.org/>

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army believes that all abuse and exploitation of human beings is an offense against humankind and against God. Due to the inherently abusive and exploitative nature of human trafficking, they consider all forms of trafficking in persons abhorrent.

For additional information:

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/trafficking>

Stop the Traffik

Stop the Traffik is a global coalition of organizations working together to fight human trafficking, with a special focus on advocacy and education. There are currently more than 300 member organizations, including businesses, faith groups, community groups, and charities.

For additional information:

<http://www.stophetraffik.org>

The Well

Each year thousands of women and girls from impoverished towns and villages in Thailand flock to cities like Bangkok and Pattaya to work in bars, go-go bars, brothels, and massage parlors. Some are sold outright by their families as slaves. **The Well** is a Christian ministry in Thailand (operating under *Servantworks* and other partner organizations) that provides counseling, training, job development, and other services to women and their families.

For additional information:

<http://servantworks.org/well>

World Vision

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to tackling the causes of poverty and injustice worldwide to help children, families, and communities reach their full potential. It has dedicated projects and websites for child sex trafficking.

For additional information:

<http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/globalissues-childprotection-sexexploit>

Outreach and Direct Services for Survivors of the Sex Trade in Chicago

Anne's House – Salvation Army's Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation is Illinois' only long-term, trauma-informed, residential program for young women and girls who have been impacted by sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The program offers comprehensive services including individual and group therapy, life skills training, support with academic and vocational goals, social and recreational activities, and spiritual guidance.

www.sapromise.org/anne.htm

(312) 291-7916

Center on Halsted has a Legal Clinic that provides free and confidential information and referrals from local volunteer attorneys and legal organizations. [The Center has an](#) Education and Victim Advocacy team who works to reduce bias and violence in the lives of LGBT, queer, questioning and HIV-affected people. The Center also has an anti-violence project that offers a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, incident reporting assistance, court accompaniment, and victim advocacy to LGBTQ survivors of abuse and violence.

www.centeronhalsted.org/EVA.html

(773) 472-6469

Dreamcatcher Foundation is an agency run by survivors of the sex trade, the Dreamcatcher Foundation provides health services, counseling, referrals to transitional housing and addiction treatment facilities, employment placement, and educational support for young women between the ages of 12-25 who have survived the sex trade.

<http://dianetye.com/dreamcatcherfoundation/index1.html>

(773) 936-9898

Footprints offers hope and rehabilitative services to girls and women exposed to trauma in the sex trade. It also facilitates prevention for substance abuse and HIV for women arrested for prostitution in Cook County.

www.cchc-online.org

(773) 533-5600

Heartland Alliance, Families Building Communities (FBC) provides supportive services for women and their families, including those impacted by prostitution, in their transition from shelter to permanent housing. FBC uses a strengths-based family case management model, providing intensive, home-based case management services, a rental subsidy for 12 months, and 12 months of follow-up case management. The program also includes additional mentorship and trauma recovery resources for women who have been charged with prostitution.

www.heartlandalliance.org

(773) 624-8148 ext.1955

Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center - Counter Trafficking Project provides comprehensive legal services and case management for children and adult survivors of human trafficking. Attorneys and paralegals guide trafficking survivors through the process of obtaining T-visas.

www.immigrantjustice.org

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) is a not-for-profit that oversees and convenes 33 community-based sexual assault crisis centers working together to end sexual violence. Each center provides 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and their significant others. Each center presents prevention education programs in Illinois communities. ICASA has training and service standards that each center is required to meet, including approved standards for its centers that offer services for prostituted and trafficked people.

www.icasa.org

The Northern Tier Anti-Trafficking Consortium (NTAC) is administered by Heartland Human Care Services and provides comprehensive trauma-informed, client-centered, culturally-competent case management to foreign-born human trafficking survivors throughout 14 states and Puerto Rico as well as trainings, technical assistance and capacity building for organizations.

1-800-837-5345

National Runaway Switchboard helps keep America's runaway and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. Their 24-hour crisis line has experienced front-line team members ready to help. Their services are anonymous, confidential, and free.

www.1800runaway.org

1-800-RUNAWAY

National Immigrant Justice Center ensures human rights protections and access to justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers through direct legal services, policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.

www.immigrantjustice.org

The Night Ministry connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults through street outreach, youth shelter and supportive services, and their mobile health outreach bus. They provide basic resources, free healthcare, housing and supportive services for youth and referrals to other agencies for specific resources.

www.thenightministry.org

(773) 784-9000

Pillars provides comprehensive mental health services, including a 24-hour hotline and crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. Pillars runs the Constance Morris House, a domestic violence shelter, and offers legal advocacy and counseling for women and children experiencing domestic violence and sexual violence including child sexual assault, incest, rape, and sex trafficking.

www.pillarscommunity.org/services/DomesticandSexualViolenceServices.asp

24 hour Domestic Violence Hotline: (708) 485-5254

24 hour Sexual Violence Hotline: (708) 482-9600

Prologues is an outreach team that travels throughout the city to provide HIV prevention and support services for people involved in the commercial sex trade.

Lucretia Clay-Ward, (773) 317-8711

Salvation Army's STOP-IT builds relationships with suspected trafficked persons through street outreach. They serves both children and adults who are impacted by sex or labor trafficking. STOP-IT offers services referrals and ongoing support to people who are currently being victimized or who have survived trafficking. They also

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conduct training seminars to raise awareness about the existence of human trafficking and offer practical assistance to community services providers. Contact the STOP-IT's 24-hour hotline, 1-877-606-3158, to report a suspected case of human trafficking including commercial sexual exploitation of children, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking.

(773) 275-6233 X3029

Young Women's Empowerment Project is a community-based, youth-led project that was founded in 2001 by a radical feminist and harm-reduction-based collective of women and girls involved in the sex trade, street economy, and their allies. They were created by women and girls who believe that any girl can be empowered and that all girls are priceless, creative, and smart and can be leaders in their communities. YWEP offers girls involved in the sex trade and street economy and who are ages 12-24 a place for non-judgmental support, harm-reduction information and resources.

www.youarepriceless.org

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STOP-IT

Salvation Army's STOP-IT program aids in the elimination of human trafficking, by the rescue of victims and protection of survivors, as well as the prosecution of traffickers and exploiters. They are committed to educating the community to recognize and identify possible victims of trafficking. Contact the STOP IT 24 hour Hotline 1-877-606-3158 to report a suspected case of human trafficking including commercial sexual exploitation of children, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking.

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For additional information:

<http://www.youarepriceless.org/>

Advocacy Organizations Working on Issues of Sexual Exploitation in Chicago

Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation envisions a community free from all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault and the commercial sex trade. CAASE addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Their work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services. As the lead agency for the End Demand Illinois campaign, CAASE seeks to refocus law enforcement's attention on pimps, johns and traffickers, while proposing a network of support and services for survivors of the sex trade.

www.caase.org and www.enddemandillinois.org

(773) 244-2230

Salvation Army's Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE) is a Chicago faith-based organization working against the sexual exploitation of minors. Its mission is to address, in a holistic manner, the commercial sexual exploitation of youth under 18 in the Chicago area by focusing on prevention, intervention, outreach and service provision.

www.sapromise.org

(312) 286-2011

Prostitution Alternatives Round Table is a network of governmental and private non-profit organizations and survivors of prostitution dedicated to addressing the many issues surrounding prostitution and homelessness in Chicago. PART is a project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and is led by an active Steering Committee and Committee of Survivors of Prostitution.

www.chicagohomeless.org

(312) 435-4548

Soroptimist is an international volunteer organization comprised of professional women working to improve the lives of women throughout the world through raising public awareness, fundraising, programming, and membership.

<http://www.soroptimist.org/>

Traffick Free is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking by conducting presentations for churches, schools, and groups. They also serve as a liaison with the community, linking community members with trafficking service providers for training, educational, and volunteer opportunities.

For additional information:

www.traffickfree.org