

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC
**ANTI-SLAVERY
NETWORK**



Anti-Slavery Parish Toolkit



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ABOUT US

Large organisations and businesses in Australia must comply with the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act 2018, including Catholic not-for-profits. The Australian Catholic Anti-Slavery Network (ACAN) is comprised of Catholic health, education, community service, finance and investment organisations that are taking steps to assess and address modern slavery risks to people in their operations and supply chains. These risks to people include those located overseas and those working on Catholic sites and workplaces in Australia

Our Mission

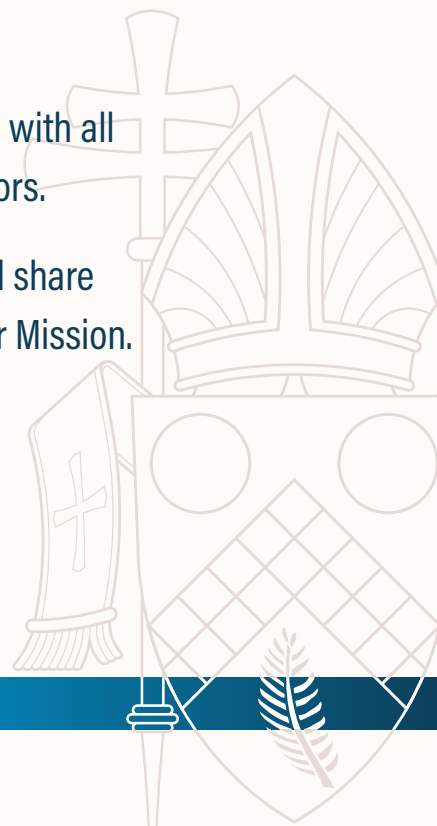
Eliminate modern slavery in all its forms from the operations and supply chains of Catholic entities in Australia.

Our Values

Respect and protect the Life and Dignity of workers trapped in modern slavery everywhere.

Work towards the Common Good and actively collaborate with all relevant Government, business and community sectors.

Be open, respectful and inclusive with other entities and share learnings and resources which supports the delivery of our Mission.



INTRODUCTION

Modern slavery" refers to the extreme exploitation of a person so that their ability to exercise autonomy, choice and control over their own life is undermined. It is an umbrella term that encompasses specific crimes against a person such as: forced labour, debt bondage, human trafficking, servitude and deceptive recruiting. People in modern slavery may be subjected to actual or threatened violence against themselves, family members or other workers, arrest or deportation, withholding of passports and identity documents, psychological coercion and other deceptive means.

An estimated 50 million people are experiencing modern slavery today (Global Slavery Index 2023). People in developing countries toil in factories, forests, mines and fisheries to produce the many of the consumer goods we purchase in Australia every day - some of them in modern slavery. Poverty, weak labor rights and enforcement, poorly regulated industries and little social protection create an environment where modern slavery can thrive. Environmental destruction, climate change and conflict contribute directly to modern slavery as communities are displaced or forced to migrate for better opportunities. Women and girls around the world may experience modern slavery in the sex industry, domestic work and through forced marriage.

In some countries, state-sponsored forced labour is used by governments to enslave their own citizens to produce goods and services (cotton, timber, manufacturing) while in other places entire communities are enslaved through debts inherited from previous generations (brick kilns, agriculture, domestic work).

41,000 people are estimated to be in slavery in Australia (Global Slavery Index 2023). People at-risk work in agriculture, meat processing, cleaning, security, hospitality, construction and industries that use labour hire and multi-tiered subcontracting. These industries rely on vulnerable temporary migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, working holiday makers, international students and sponsored workers from the Pacific.



Scan the QR code to watch a 5 minute video on "What is Modern about Modern Slavery" <https://vimeo.com/769646656/aa16b9f8d9>



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Social Teaching is based on the fundamental truth that each and every person – without exception – is made in the image and likeness of God. Each of us, then, is imbued with an innate and inalienable dignity, which must be respected by others. Modern slavery is a violation of this dignity and an abuse of human rights.

In solidarity, we are all therefore called, actively and unceasingly, to seek to assist our brothers and sisters who find themselves impacted by modern slavery and human trafficking.

As it is the goal of each person to do good, it is the aim of society to work towards the common good. We cannot, therefore, allow our brothers and sisters to be enslaved in the production of goods or services for our consumption.

St Paul reminded the early Church in Corinth that, 'When one suffers, we all suffer' (1 Cor 12: 26). This admonition is as true for today's people of God as it was for the people of Corinth.

When, in 1537, Pope Paul III outlawed slavery (*Sublimus Dei*), he sought to establish for all time the Church's opposition to a practice that St Augustine had described in these terms: 'The condition of slavery is the result of sin.'

As a Church, we the people of God 'cannot and must not remain on the side lines in the fight for justice. [We] have to re-awaken the spiritual energy without which justice, which always demands sacrifice, cannot prevail and prosper (Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, n. 28a).



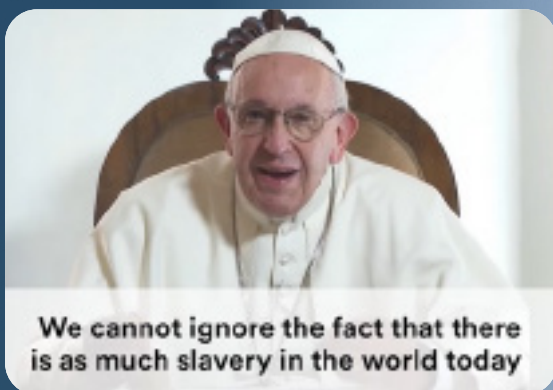
Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis, Australia and 190 other nations have pledged to end modern slavery by 2030, by adopting the Pope Francis-inspired United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8.7.

SDG 8.7 calls on all to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking.

The Holy Father continues to raise his voice against modern slavery and human trafficking. In both *Laudato Si* and *Tutti Fratelli* he recognises the intersection of modern slavery with globalisation, environmental destruction, the decline of labour rights, corruption, migration and increasing inequality.



Watch this 2 min video - Pope Francis addresses International Forum on modern day slavery

“...purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic - act.”

(Pope Francis, No longer slaves, but brothers and sisters, World Day of Peace Message, 1 Jan 2015)

ST BAKHITA FEAST DAY



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Prayer for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking

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St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, Pray for Us.



GLOBAL ESTIMATES OF MODERN SLAVERY

"Modern slavery is hidden in plain sight and is deeply intertwined with life in every corner of the world."

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT
50 MILLION
PEOPLE LIVE IN MODERN SLAVERY TODAY



12
MILLION
ARE CHILDREN



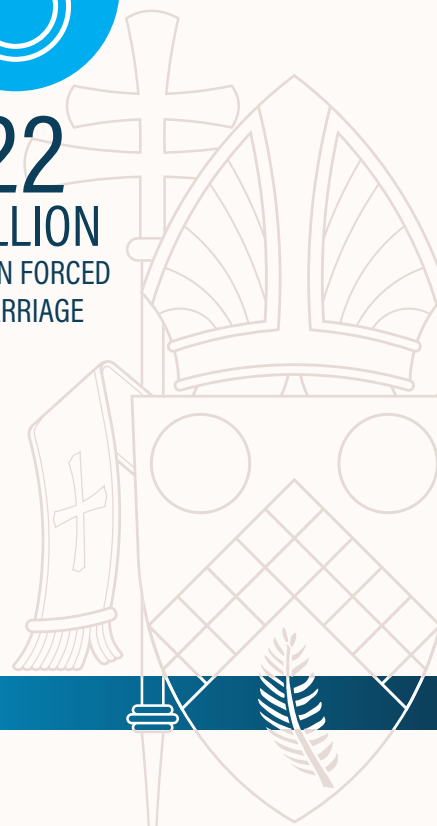
54%
OVERALL ARE
CHILDREN,
WOMEN AND
GIRLS



28
MILLION
ARE IN FORCED
LABOUR



22
MILLION
ARE IN FORCED
MARRIAGE



AUSTRALIAN ESTIMATES OF MODERN SLAVERY

"Each day, people are tricked, coerced, or forced into exploitative situations that they cannot refuse or leave. Each day, we buy the products or use the services they have been forced to make or offer without realising the hidden human cost." www.walkfree.org

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 41,000 PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA LIVE IN MODERN SLAVERY TODAY

DID YOU KNOW...?

THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS
A NATIONAL ACTION
PLAN TO COMBAT
MODERN SLAVERY AND
AN INTERNATIONAL
STRATEGY

BY LAW, LARGE
CATHOLIC
ORGANISATIONS MUST
ADDRESS MODERN
SLAVERY RISKS IN THEIR
SUPPLY CHAINS AND
OPERATIONS

LARGE CATHOLIC
ORGANISATIONS BUY
OVER \$5 BILLION OF
GOODS AND SERVICES AT
HIGH-RISK OF MODERN
SLAVERY EACH YEAR

THE SISTERS OF
CHARITY FOUNDATION
RAISES FUNDS TO
SUPPORT SURVIVORS
OF MODERN SLAVERY
IN AUSTRALIA



HOW MANY SLAVES WORK FOR YOU?

To find out, scan the QR code or go to: www.slaveryfootprint.org

Fashionista



On The Runway

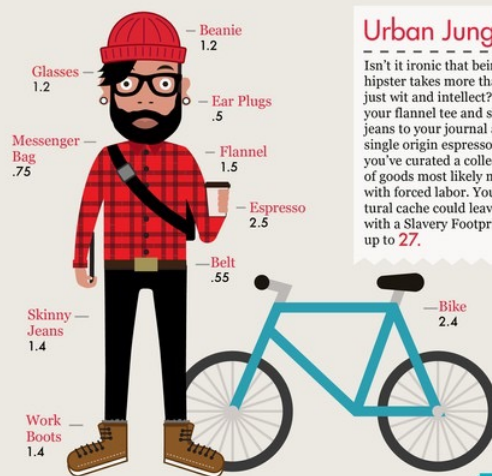
Great style can be costly, and we're not just talking about dollars and cents. From diamonds and dresses to heels and handbags, this fashionista's closet is full of goods that are likely the result of slave labor. Your enviable wardrobe could leave you with a Slavery Footprint of up to **83**.

How many slaves work for you?



Slavery Footprint.org

Hipster



Urban Jungle

Isn't it ironic that being a hipster takes more than just wit and intellect? From your flannel tee and skinny jeans to your journal and single origin espresso, you've curated a collection of goods most likely made with forced labor. Your cultural cache could leave you with a Slavery Footprint of up to **27**.

How many slaves work for you?



Slavery Footprint.org

Gym Rat



Pumping Iron

Perfecting those biceps takes dedication and drive, but it also requires a lot of equipment. From dumbbells and treadmills to fitness trackers and gym bags, your local gym is filled with products most likely made with forced labor. Your muscular physique could leave you with a Slavery Footprint of at least **34**.

How many slaves work for you?



Modern Mum



Home Sweet Home

How do moms do it? They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a lot of stuff. From car seats and strollers to teddy bears and tech toys, you surround yourself with products likely made with forced labor. Your role as #1 mom could leave you with a Slavery Footprint of at least **65**.

TOTAL SLAVE SCORE: 65.8

How many slaves work for you?



Slavery Footprint.org

PARISH ACTIONS

Download parish tools and resources at www.acan.org.au/parish

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EDUCATE

Understanding modern slavery is the first step towards taking action in your parish. Download the powerpoint presentation and other resources that can be shared with your parish at www.acan.org.au/parishes

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COMMEMORATE

The 8 of February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita, Parton Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. Download resources for a St Bakhita Mass

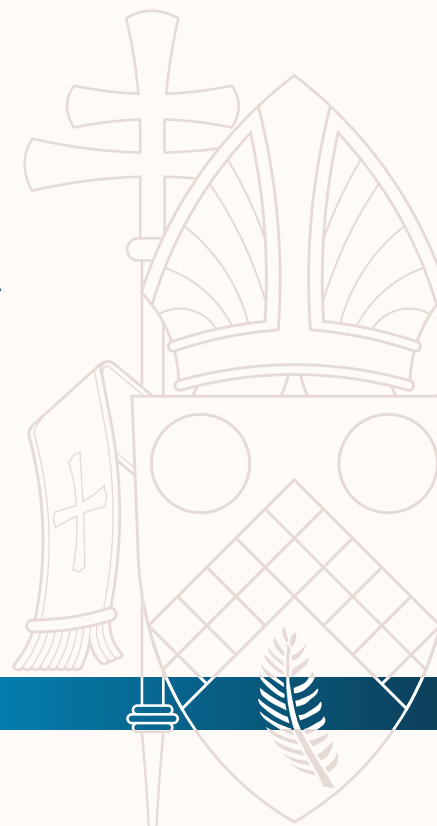
Visit <https://www.acan.org.au/bakhita>

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GET HELP IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

If you have modern slavery concerns about someone in your community contact staff at Domus 8.7 (an agency of the Archdiocese of Sydney) for an assessment of your information and guidance about possible next steps

Domus 8.7 can be reached on 02 9307 8464 or at domus87@sydneycatholic.org



MORE INFORMATION



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Commemorate The Feast Day of
St Josephine Bakhita

ST BAKHITA PARISH TOOLKIT



Enhance your understanding
about Modern Slavery

DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES

