A SALVATORIAN RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Following in the footsteps of the Savior, we are called to live God’s unconditional love, continuing Jesus’ life-giving work of bringing salvation to all and liberation from all that threatens fullness of life. (Matt 28, 10-20, Mk 16, 15 and Charter of the Salvatorian Family, Chapter 2, Our Mission, #5) We therefore make the following commitments as Salvatorians and invite others to do the same.

I MAKE THIS COMMITMENT BEFORE GOD THAT…

I reject unconditionally all violence against all that God has created. I reject physical, psychological, or emotional abuse, exploitation of men, women or children for any purpose, sexual abuse of minors and other vulnerable persons, and the production and use of pornography.

• I will intervene to the extent that I can when I see any person abusing another person including when I witness others belittling or degrading others.
• I will not physically, mentally or emotionally abuse any person, in any way.
• I will respect all others as equals.

I recognize human trafficking, human slavery, exploitative labor, prostitution, and pornography as harmful and I will do everything within my power to see the end of them.

• I reject the buying and selling of sex with women, men and children.
• I reject the buying and use of pornography, recognizing it as sexual exploitation.
• I recognize that child pornography is the crime of sexual abuse of minors.
• I will not buy nor download on computer products that advertise the exploiting of people’s bodies.
• I will not visit clubs and bars that exploit others through exotic dancing or other explicit behaviors.
• I will not buy newspapers and magazines that advertise sexual services.
• I reject all forms of sexual harassment including wolf whistling, sexual insinuations, and unauthorized physical contact.
• I will intervene to the extent that I can when my colleagues, friends or family engage in sexual exploitation or harassment.
• I will not purchase products that I know were made with exploited labor.

I will encourage other people to adopt and live by this commitment, including teaching it to colleagues, family members and our children.

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