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**Date:** October 1, 2018

**To:** Priests

**From:** Monsignor James Schillinger, Director, Ongoing Formation of Priests

**Re:** **Reminder** - Clergy Study Day on Human Trafficking

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Ongoing Formation of Priests and Justice & Peace Ministries will co-host a Clergy Study Day on Human Trafficking from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 11**, in the Grand Halls at the Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. This workshop was organized at the request of Archbishop Gregory.

**Human Trafficking is happening within the boundaries of every parish in our archdiocese.** It is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. It is estimated that human trafficking generates billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of crime. It is a \$290 million illegal industry in Georgia alone.

**Please make time in your schedule to attend this workshop.**

We will have a panel of speakers, including law enforcement, who will give an overview of the issue, teach you about knowing signs to recognize victims and arm you with the skills to minister to those who have been affected by this evil. Our goal is that you go back to your parishes with concrete skills to both raise awareness in your community and to minister effectively to individuals you may encounter.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Amanda Hailey at [ahailey@archatl.com](mailto:ahailey@archatl.com) by **Friday, October 5**. For questions regarding the subject matter or to schedule a presentation for your parish, contact Kat Doyle, Director of Justice & Peace Ministries, at [kdoyle@archatl.com](mailto:kdoyle@archatl.com) or 404-920-7897.