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To: All clergy, parish secretaries and bulletin editors

From: Patrick Metts, LPC, associate director, Office of Evangelization and Discipleship

Re: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Annually, the Office of Evangelization & Discipleship updates our online resources and referral information currently available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the resources on our [webpage](#) and consider printing pamphlets to raise awareness in your parish.

To learn more about the Catholic response to domestic violence, visit the U.S. Bishops' website for their Pastoral Letter: "[When I Call for Help](#)". Additionally, Catholics for Family Peace has prepared a [toolkit of helpful resources](#) to use this month.

USCCB Resources

- *When I Call for Help* is available [online](#).
- [Preaching Resource on Domestic Violence Throughout the Liturgical Year](#)
- This [English/Spanish Sign](#), with the National Domestic Violence Hotline and space to add local resources, is designed for use in restrooms.
- [Life Matters: Domestic Violence](#) – a pamphlet from the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat.
- *Made for Love*, Episode 4: [When Love Means Leaving \(Domestic Violence\)](#).
- More information can be found on the USCCB's [Domestic Violence Page](#).
- [Catholics For Family Peace](#) has drawn together many helpful resources for parish leaders to use during October and throughout the year.

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