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To: Clergy, parish secretaries and bulletin editors

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

Re: Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Mass

October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Annually, the Office of Formation & 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.

Mass will be offered by Bishop Ned Shlesinger for the 2021 National Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on **Thursday, October 7, at 12 p.m.** The Mass will be [livestreamed](#) from the chancery Chapel of St. Dominic. Please join us in prayer for all those affected by domestic violence.

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 in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to use this month.

USCCB Resources

- *When I Call for Help* is available [online](#) for download.
- [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](#) have drawn together many helpful resources for parish leaders to use during October and throughout the year.

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