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**To:** Clergy and Parish Leaders

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**Re:** Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Resources

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Annually, the Office of Formation & Discipleship updates our on-line resources and referral information currently available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the resources below and consider printing pamphlets to raise awareness in your parish.

The pamphlet ***Domestic Violence: Break the Silence, Stop the Cycle*** is a helpful tool in ministry and provides you with a quick reference for local resources. To download, go to <http://archatl.com/ministries-services/pastoral-care-ministry/domestic-violence/>.

[Catholics For Family Peace](#) provides a [Media Resource Toolkit](#) with tips for engaging with media during October to raise awareness about domestic violence.

## USCCB Resources

- *When I Call for Help* is available [online](#) or for [purchase](#). Also available are [Resource Cards](#) that give warning signs of abuse and a hotline number.
- [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](#).

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