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**Date:** May 18, 2020

**To:** Clergy, parish staff, directors of parish communications, social action ministry leaders, respect life and family life ministry leaders, bulletin/website editors

**From:** Kat Doyle, Director of Justice and Peace Ministries; Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

**Re:** June 2020 has been designated Archdiocese of Atlanta Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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While January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, as well as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, it's important to remember that we can always be working to prevent human trafficking by promoting equality and lifting up the most vulnerable in our society. To that end, June 2020 has been designated as the *Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta Human Trafficking Awareness Month*.

From the substantially increased time we are spending in isolation and online to the economic fallout being faced by many in our communities, from the pornography crisis to the increased numbers of poor and vulnerable—NOW is a key time for us all, as individuals and as Church, to educate ourselves about sex and labor human trafficking. While it may seem like a problem too large to solve, there are steps we can all take to start making a change. This June, Catholics in north Georgia are being encouraged to **spend at least one hour** of their time to become more educated about sex and labor human trafficking.

Justice and Peace Ministries has a web page at <http://tiny.cc/AoAHTinfo> that provides links to free online educational presentations appropriate for all ages and genders, as well as a multitude of other resources that will allow the Catholic faithful to become as knowledgeable and informed as they wish to be. For more information, please contact me at [kdoyle@archatl.com](mailto:kdoyle@archatl.com) or (404)920-7897.

Please consider placing this information and the link to our resource page in all of your parish communication formats.