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Date: January 22, 2019

To: Priests, Deacons, Parish and School Staff, Social Ministry Leaders and Campus Ministers

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

Re: Pre-Super Bowl Anti-Trafficking Training

People have stated that the Super Bowl is the largest human trafficking event. Some have also asserted that sex trafficking does not increase surrounding the Super Bowl. These are both myths. Human trafficking happens 365 days a year in every zip code in the United States *and* increases during large events. Traffickers may bring victims from out of town to satisfy the increase in demand from sex buyers. They also capitalize on the energy generated by the event to lure unsuspecting event-goers as new victims.

In anticipation of Super Bowl LIII, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is partnering with In Our Backyard to combat human trafficking. One of the largest training events is *Linking Freedom in Our Backyard*, an annual Super Bowl training that focuses on both public awareness and outreach. Every year, missing children and victims of human trafficking are recovered because of this outreach and individuals are inspired to turn awareness into year-round action to stop human trafficking.

Justice and Peace Ministries invites you to join us for this one-day training and outreach event. This is your opportunity to take a stand and take action against sex trafficking.

Linking Freedom In Our Backyard will be held on Saturday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Paran Church, 2055 Mt. Paran Road NW, Atlanta 30327. Participants **must** register in order to attend. To register, visit <http://inourbackyard.org/linking-freedom/>.