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**To:** Clergy, religious brothers and sisters, principals, parish staff and bulletin editors

**From:** Patrick Metts, LPC, Family Life and Pastoral Care; Office of Formation and Discipleship

**Re:** Resources to respond to domestic violence

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Thank you for your prayers and for all you do to help those in need of protection and healing from domestic violence. As we approach the end of Domestic Violence awareness month, it is a good reminder that awareness of available resources is needed all-year long. 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 on our [webpage](#) and consider printing pamphlets to raise awareness in your parish.

To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "[When I Call for Help](#)". Additionally, [Catholics For Family Peace](#) has several helpful resources. Please see more information below.

## **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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