

# Seminar Information Packet:

## **Slavery in 2006?** Interactive Seminars On Human Trafficking

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Salvatorian Advocacy for Victims of Exploitation

## Overview and Summary

Human trafficking is an international issue that's growing. Selling children, women, and also vulnerable men for domestic labor, agricultural labor, factory labor, and the sex trade has remained invisible for many decades. It's only in the past few years that this issue has come to the attention of the media and to the attention of caring people around the world. Trafficking of human persons is an issue with economic, political, social, medical, and moral implications.

In response to the international mandate of the Sisters of the Divine Savior in 2002 to address the issue of trafficking, the US Province of the Sisters of the Divine Savior (SDS) established a national Anti-Trafficking Committee that includes Salvatorian Sisters, Salvatorian Priests and Brothers, and Lay Salvatorians. Several individual Salvatorians have made this issue a focus of full-time or part-time ministry. In 2006, the Salvatorians officially launched SAVE: Salvatorians Advocacy for Victims of Exploitation, an umbrella program coordinating efforts in response to the issue of human trafficking and slavery. Today, thousands regularly receive *Stop Trafficking!*, a publicly available, electronically published magazine edited by Sister Jean Shafer, SDS. Thousands more, from across the world, have visited the Slavery website, hosted by the Sisters of the Divine Savior at [www.sdssisters.org/slavery](http://www.sdssisters.org/slavery).

In early Fall, 2004, the Milwaukee Regional Board planned and hosted a three hour interactive, multi-media seminar designed to increase awareness on the issue of human trafficking, with a focus on how it exists right here in the United States. This "Awareness Seminar" is now available nationally. It's entitled "Slavery in 2006?" and it offers people across the country an opportunity to engage, alongside others from their local area, in reflection, dialogue, and learning. Once participants have participated in an Awareness Seminar, or if they've developed an understanding and awareness of the issue in some other way, our new interactive "Action Seminar" allows participants to consider various types of personal, group, and systemic actions and create a personal plan for response to the trafficking issue.

For both seminars, an interactive format allows participants to engage in reflection and to move toward action. Seminars can be scheduled for a group of any size; we've successfully worked with audiences from 10 to 750. Typically, hosts hold the Awareness Seminar followed by the Action Seminar. Due to the subject matter, these seminars are most appropriate for mature high school age people and older. Mixed groups, including people from local parishes, schools, colleges, other religious communities, and other faith communities work particularly well.

When you host a Seminar, we provide:

- Speaker/ Facilitator: S. Patrice Colletti, SDS
- Multimedia presentation with facilitated discussion for a three hour (Awareness Seminar) or a two to two and a half hour (Action Seminar) time block,
- A guided reflection or closing prayer if you wish/ if appropriate to your audience (you may also provide your own- just let us know),
- Camera ready flyer you can use for pre-seminar marketing (sample attached). You make the copies.
- Camera ready evaluation form for use by participants immediately after the seminar. You make the copies.
- Camera ready 2-side handout for participants to take home. You make the copies.
- Free unlimited downloads of information from our website for all participants,
- We can also bring the laptop computer, or we can use yours if it uses Windows XP, has a USB 2.0 port, and can connect to a DLP projector.

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We ask you, as host, to please provide:

- Digital projector (DLP) to connect to the computer, with USB cable,
- Microphone/speaker (a wireless microphone is best, since we want to be able to pass it around during the facilitated of discussion)
- Room with chairs or tables and chairs (movable chairs are best as we will work in small groups)
- Projection screen
- Table for computer/ projector set up
- Extension cord
- Person to handle your email and phone registrations.
- Copies of two-sided handout
- Copies of evaluations,

We also ask that the sponsoring group:

- Provides refreshments of your choice before the presentation and during a mid-session break.
- Arranges for and covers the cost of a sign language interpreter, since Sister Patrice, who is deaf, will need one in order to effectively facilitate the discussion. S. Patrice can assist you in locating someone to hire locally.
- Assist in the Salvatorians' efforts by underwriting S. Patrice's transportation and housing costs. Typically, this includes either airline costs, car rental costs, or, if she uses her own car, reimbursement of mileage costs. S. Patrice is willing to stay in local homes or convents to help you keep your lodging costs down.

**Donations to S.A.V.E.:** We invite your group, or the participants in the seminar, to make a donation to the work of the Salvatorians on this critical issue. Most sponsoring groups donate \$500 for each half-day to full day seminar. They often collect "registration fees" from participants to offset this cost. Other sponsoring groups invite all participants to make a donation directly. S. Patrice is able to explain how this works to the seminar participants and she is comfortable inviting them to make individual donations to the anti human trafficking work. By donating directly to the work of the Salvatorians on human trafficking, your group is taking relevant action in response to this issue, and creating change in the lives of women, children, and vulnerable men.

### A Sample Schedule (Awareness Seminar- 3 hours followed by Action Seminar- 2 hours):

8:30	Registration/Refreshments	10:50	Causes of Trafficking and Slavery
9:00	Welcome (by hosts) and introduction of speaker	11:05	Video- Child Sex Trade And small group discussion
9:10	Orientation to the day	11:35	What can be done?
9:15	"What is slavery?"	11:45	Explanation of evaluation process
9:20	Video clip and small group discussion	11:50	Closing prayer and evaluation process
9:45	True stories	Noon	Opportunity for free-will offering; submit donations/ get handout
9:50	Video clips and discussion	12-1:30	Lunch (on own or host provides)
10:25	Quiet reflection	1:30-3:20	Action Seminar
10:30	Break/Refreshments		Video clips, discussion, planning
		3:20	Evaluation Process and closing prayer

We are able and willing to work closely with you to tailor the seminars to your unique needs. To date, our success has been superb. We've met the needs of participants in Arizona, Illinois, Wisconsin, and North Dakota, from universities, parishes, community centers, high schools, seminaries, religious education programs, and religious communities. We're confident we can work with you to meet your needs, as well.

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### How to Schedule a Seminar:

The **Awareness Seminar: Slavery in 2006?** is a three hour seminar, including interaction, videos, discussion, informational input, reflection, and prayer (if appropriate to your audience). This format has been well tested, across several sites/audiences, and has consistently worked well. The **Action Seminar** is a two to 2.5 hour seminar, also including interaction, small group work, reflection, and prayer (if appropriate to your audience).

Both of these seminars can be shortened by ½ hour (to a total of 2.5 hours for the Awareness Seminar and 1.5 hours for the Action Seminar) but this will require omitting one full section on and will skew the focus toward primarily trafficking and the sex trade. Before you decide to shorten seminars, please note: during our pilot of the three hour seminar, eighty people attended a Saturday, 9-noon session and none indicated that the three hour time block was "too long." More than 160 people participated in Phoenix/Tucson, and 100% indicated that their time was "very well spent." Because of the multi-method presenting style and high levels of participation, the time moves quickly and is well utilized.

Taken together, or separately, these seminars are appropriate for most mature high school aged students as well as most adults. Seminars can be sponsored by any group; the "host" group will need to be on site to host the event and do the setup, refreshments, evaluation collection, etc.

These seminars are designed as an event to which the host group can invite others. In fact, they work best when you invite: your parishioners, those with whom you minister, other local parishes, people from other faith communities, local Catholic or other religious high schools, parents and confirmation group students from parishes, etc. You should also consider extending an invitation to local clinic staff, local social service agency staff, homeless shelters, and local law enforcement. The learning processes work best if there is a mix of men and women, young and old, from different cultural backgrounds.

It's up to you whether or not to charge a registration fee.

### How to Schedule a Seminar:

**Best: Saturdays, 9 am- noon and/or 1:30-3:30** (If overnight accommodation is needed, S. Patrice would arrive Friday afternoon or evening and return Sunday morning or afternoon)

**Second Best:** A morning, or afternoon (if necessary, S. Patrice would arrive the evening before and depart early the next morning) or evening, preferably a Friday or Sunday.

1. Please select at least three (3) preferred dates and times for your seminar. S. Patrice is scheduling up to two years into the future, but it's worth a try to propose dates coming soon.
2. Identify a location. "Theater" seating is suitable, but movable chairs or chairs/tables are perfect because of the discussions and group activities integrated in both seminars.
3. Determine how many people you think you can attract. (There is no real minimum; S. Patrice can easily work with groups of up to 100. She's even worked with groups as large as 750. However, an estimate is helpful, since size of the group will help shape the seminar activities and schedule.)
4. Work with S. Patrice directly. Email is best: [patricecolletti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patricecolletti@sbcglobal.net) . Share your proposed dates/times and the estimated number of people you're aiming to include.
5. S. Patrice will get back to you directly via email to confirm a date.
6. S. Patrice will also give you information on who to call in your area regarding hiring a sign language interpreter.
7. Work out travel and housing arrangements.
8. Schedule the interpreter at last 3 weeks prior to the seminar itself.

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SAMPLE OF ADVERTISING FLYER USED IN PAST YEARS:

**DATE HERE 9 am– noon**  
**Sponsored by the Salvatorians**

# Slavery in 2005?



Farming, domestic labor, fishing, mail-order brides, manufacturing, warehousing, agriculture, restaurant labor, sex industry...

Transported far from their homes, people lured by the promise of a better life are forced through violence, threats and deception to work in conditions of slavery.

**Today, in the United States and in other countries, women and children are being held in slavery and forced to work against their will.**

**We're doing something about it.**

**Won't you join us to find out more?**

LOCATION: INSERT HERE–

–Free Parking– Refreshments– Video and Discussion–

Due to the Issues and Topics, Parental Guidance is Recommended.

Registration Required: EMAIL CONTACT OR PHONE CONTACT by DATE.

Free will offering will support Salvatorian work on this important issue.

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### INFO FOR BACK OF FLYER:

**There are many different kinds of slavery.**

#### **Chattel slavery**

This is the kind of slavery that existed in the American South before the Civil War. One person completely owns another person and treats the slave as their personal property. It still exists today in Mauritania and other parts of North Africa.

#### **Commercial sexual exploitation of children**

This refers to children who are forced into prostitution and pornography. It occurs in the US.

#### **Debt bondage (or bonded labor)**

This is the most common form of slavery in the world today, accounting for nearly 20 million of the world's slaves. It begins when a person accepts a loan from a moneylender, often to purchase basic necessities or medicine. The person must then work for the moneylender, who tricks or traps them into working for little or no pay. Through false accounting and extra charges for food and shelter, the debt can never be paid off and will be passed down to the worker's children. Debt bondage is common in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. It also occurs in the United States.

#### **Forced (or servile) marriage**

Women or girls are married against their will and often forced into servitude, and physically and sexually abused. It occurs in the US.

#### **Human trafficking**

is the transport or trade of a person from one place to another, often a foreign country, through deception or force in order to exploit them. The destination is often the enslavement of the victim for such tasks as migrant farm labor, factory work or the sex industry. Human trafficking is an increasingly common means of enslavement, especially for women and children. It exists in the US.

#### **Is there slavery in the United States?**

Yes, there is slavery in the United States, mostly due to human trafficking for domestic work, migrant farm labor, or work in the sex industry. Migrant workers are tricked into working for little or no pay as means of repayment for debts from their transport into the US, similar to debt bondage in South Asia. Domestic workers and women in the sex industry are trafficked into the US with promises of jobs and education and then held as slaves. The US government estimates that 50,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.

Sources: Trafficking in Human Persons Report June 2004. US State Department  
<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/33614.pdf>

And <http://www.freetheslaves.net/>

For more information on this issue: S. Jean Shafer, SDS [jeansds2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansds2000@yahoo.com)

To receive a free informative newsletter: <http://homepage.mac.com/srjeanschafersds/stoptrafficking/index.html>

Additional Resources: <http://www.sdssisters.org/slavery>

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ANOTHER SAMPLE DEVELOPED FOR SEMINAR IN ARIZONA IN 2005:



**Arizona Sexual Assault Network**  
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# Slavery in 2005?

Awareness Seminar on the  
Trafficking of Women and Children.

A presentation by  
**S. Patrice Colletti, SDS Milwaukee, WI.**

### **Phoenix, Arizona**

**Saturday, April 30, 2005**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Herberger Theater Center – Stage West  
222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ

### **Tucson, Arizona**

**Friday, April 29, 2005**  
**2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Most Holy Trinity Church – 1300 N. Greasewood Road  
(Northeast corner of Greasewood and Speedway)

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**Participation is free.** A free will offering will support Salvatorian work on this issue.

**Pre-registration required.** Please send email RSVP and date of attendance to [info@azzsan.org](mailto:info@azzsan.org) or call **602-277-0119**.

Sign Language Interpreter Available.

#### **Organizing Partners:**

- Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT)
- Arizonans for the Protection of Exploited Children and Adults (APECA)
- Casa – Center for Prevention of Abuse and Violence

#### **Sponsored by:**

- Arizona Sexual Assault Network (AZSAN)
- Element Design
- Herberger Theater Center
- Salvatorians- USA

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grassroots understanding and awareness of, and response to, this important issue. She is also a member of the Greater Milwaukee Rescue and Restore Coalition and has developed training curricula and multi-media curricula on trafficking issues.

She can be reached at [patricecolletti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patricecolletti@sbcglobal.net). The Salvatorian's anti-trafficking website is located at: <http://www.sdssisters.org/slavery>.

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#### L.B., SOCIAL WORKER:

*"This seminar...gave me the opportunity to see the real examples of trafficking, not just statistics. The multimedia approach was thought-provoking, interesting AND disturbing."*

#### S.W., REGISTERED NURSE:

*"This well explained presentation ...impressed on me the seriousness of this issue... how we need to be aware of our responsibilities and need to be more observant."*

#### J.W., HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATOR:

*"We ... need to have our eyes opened. (By) working with others we can do something. I was so unaware of the number of women and children forced into slavery. This helped me so much."*