

Since our last meeting I have continued to monitor the Sisters Against Human Trafficking site, reading their newsletters and weekly blasts.



Their March 2020 Issue focused on the 2020 “Dirty Dozen” list. The April Issue focused on Human Trafficking and the Foster Care System. The May Issue dealt with ‘How the Medical industry can spot and save Human Trafficking Victims.’

One article reported, that during this pandemic, traffickers are not shut down. Victims still need to be rescued and survivors still need assistance. When things start to reopen, traffickers may have an easier time finding, deceiving, coercing and exploiting victims. New patterns are emerging due to an increase of on-line activity and greater use of ‘social media’. Now more than ever we need to be vigilant in monitoring the use of social media especially that of our younger generation. KNOW the sites they are using!

April 22 was the 50th Anniversary of ‘Earth Day’ - How did you Celebrate? Did you go for a walk, enjoy a day outside, plant a garden or enjoy the night sky? With people staying home our beaches and parks have been cleaner, the ocean waters look bluer and clearer. Reports are showing an increase in marine life coming closer to the shore. The bird and squirrel activity outside my office window has increased. With less cars on the roads the air even seems cleaner. What have you noticed?

I would suggest you check out the Catholic Climate Covenant website for programs and suggestions to use in your parishes and communities to continue to care for our earth. Their site is catholicclimatecovenant.org.