

January 23, 2017



**AGAINST TRAFFICKING** - The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking that will be celebrated on February 8, 2017 is approaching.

Liturgical memory of Saint Bakhita

#theyarejustchildrennotslaves

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If you want to know more about this Day established by Pope Francis in 2015 click [here](#)

Let us pray and be informed on the widespread phenomenon of the trafficking of children and adolescents. On the website [www.preghieracontrotratta.org](http://www.preghieracontrotratta.org) you can find more information and materials.

We invite you to participate as possible in your community and in your city. If you are in Rome you can see the events proposed for the week from 1 to 8 February 2017: [click here](#)

You can take part in this initiative:

Organizing a prayer: [download the text](#)

Contacting the press to raise awareness

- [download the press release](#)
- [read&nbsp;testimonials to sensitize](#)
- [send the video spot](#)
- [send the audio spot](#)

Hanging the [poster](#) in your community or Parish

Reading something about the phenomenon of [trafficking](#)

Very often mere children are involved in sexual trafficking, as in the case of three cousins ??aged 8 and 9 years from a poor family in Cebu City, Philippines, trafficked for cybersex. "A guy approached our mothers and asked if we wanted to earn some money" say the little ones – “

He asked to take us to a place to meet foreign people on the internet. According to him, he would only show our faces on the computer and in return would give 100 pesos. Our mothers, thinking about money they would receive, accepted the offer. The guy convinced us to go with him to help our families. Since we were very poor we believed in his promises ”.

But very soon they found themselves involved in a terrifying reality. They were threatened not to tell at home what they were forced to undergo. Thanks to the intervention of the local police, they managed to escape. The girls followed a recovery program, but the psychological damage suffered has marked them forever.