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### St. Joseph the Worker & Labour Trafficking.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The [International Labor Organization \(ILO\)](#) estimated in 2012 that globally about 21 million persons are victims of forced labor. By assessing our own [slavery footprint](#) we can learn how slave labor touches each of us. It is fitting to remember how dependent we are on workers who labor in fields and factories on our behalf. (Learn more about the [Campaign for Fair Food.](#)) As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker may we turn to him in prayer for those who are trapped in slave-like working conditions within the [supply chain of many manufactured products.](#)



### Malta: Funeral held for 24 unidentified drowned migrants.



An inter-faith funeral service was held in Malta on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April for 24 of the hundreds of refugees lost at sea earlier in the week. The service was led by Bishop Mario Grech of Gozo alongside local imam Mohammed El Sadi. The bishop's reflection follows: "We are in the presence of 24 unidentified dead human bodies but we know that many more, hundreds, lay in the great graveyard that the Mare Nostrum has become. We know not their names, their lives - we just know that they were escaping from a desperate situation trying to find freedom and a better life...."

For more information please see [www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=27290](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=27290)

### Caritas Nepal respond to urgent needs of victims of the 7.9 magnitude earthquake.

Father Pius Perumana S.J., Director of Caritas Nepal in Kathmandu, said: "It was the worst earthquake I have ever experienced in my life. The aftershocks are still strong. Lots of houses have fallen down and there are lots with cracks. Thank God it was during the day and on a holiday as many people were outside when the quake happened. "Rescue is the first priority. Lots of people have lost their homes and are out on the street or in open spaces, so we will be looking to provide them with food and temporary shelter." To read more, please see [www.caritasnepal.org](http://www.caritasnepal.org)  
Photo courtesy Caritas.



## Non- Punishment Principle - Protecting human trafficking victims' rights.

The non-punishment principle holds that human trafficking victims should not be punished for unlawful activities they were forced to commit by their exploiters.

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-Ordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings stated at a two-day workshop in Strasbourg, France on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, attended by judges and prosecutors, that "Non-punishment is tied to the State's obligation to identify. Assist and protect victims and also to the State's duty to investigate human trafficking in order to bring the true perpetrators to justice." Further information at <http://www.osce.org/cthb/153661>



### RUHAMA launch "Prostitution: We Don't Buy It" campaign.

The We Don't Buy It campaign is an all-Ireland, European Union funded campaign, asking men and boys to make a stand against sex trafficking and prostitution. Please support the campaign by *liking* the "We Don't Buy It" **Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/We-Dont-Buy-It/1620307458199980?ref=h!>

### Christian Commitment Against Trafficking in Human Beings (attachment)



A [report from the Vatican](#) describes its work with COATNET to end the scourge of modern-day slavery. Caritas Internationalis has issued a Christian Commitment statement to help deepen our understanding of the causes of human trafficking and to inspire actions by faith communities to end this evil.

### Mary Ward Loreto & URAT Anti-Trafficking Awareness-raising Project in Albania.

Since 2014, the **New Project URAT** in Albania, has led more than forty awareness-raising training seminars on human trafficking. Managed and funded by the NGO Mary Ward Loreto in Albania, the project is a collaboration



with several other organisations present in Albania, e.g. the Peace Corps, the NGO Different and Equal, the IRCA (Institute of Romani Culture in Albania and De Nobis Te Gruas Shqiptare. The project focused primarily on those who are socially and economically marginalised, the most vulnerable in Albania, who need protection against different forms of exploitation, including human trafficking.

A Full report on the project is available at [www.albaniahope.com](http://www.albaniahope.com)

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