



## Possible Bulletin Announcements for November 9/10, 2013

1. **Shine a Light on Human Trafficking in Michigan:** Michigan is currently considering a package of legislation to address human trafficking, or modern human slavery. In honor of the bills, you're invited to a candlelight vigil on the lawn of the State Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Strong action is needed to combat this evil in our state, which is the second fastest growing crime in the world. Email [publicpolicy@micatholic.org](mailto:publicpolicy@micatholic.org) if you are interested in learning more or attending this important awareness event.

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2. **Join Michiganders in Shining a Light on Modern Slavery:** On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, individuals are joining from all over the state for a candlelight vigil at the Capitol in Lansing. This event will send a message of strength against human trafficking, or modern human slavery, which is the second fastest growing crime in the world. It is estimated that 300,000 boys and girls around the country are at risk of sexual exploitation every year. Please join the vigil, which will begin at 6:30 pm, as the Michigan Legislature begins consideration of a package of bills that will support victims and apprehend traffickers. If you are planning on attending or have any questions about the event, please email [publicpolicy@micatholic.org](mailto:publicpolicy@micatholic.org).

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3. **You're Invited to Shine a Light on Human Trafficking:** Did you know that an estimated 150 girls a month are forced into sex slavery in Michigan every month? To raise awareness about this awful crime, also known as human trafficking, come to the State Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a candlelight vigil to raise awareness and encourage support for human trafficking legislation currently being considered in the State Senate. Pope Francis has urged Catholics to stand up for those who are unable "to make their cries of pain and oppression heard," and attending this event is one way to be a voice for these victims. Please email [publicpolicy@micatholic.org](mailto:publicpolicy@micatholic.org) if you are interested in attending.

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