



# Catholics For Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse

*An Initiative of the National Institute for the Family*

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## Working Together to Promote Compassion and Care

### Greetings!

Thank you for all you are doing to promote awareness and compassionate response in the Catholic community about Domestic Abuse and Family Peace.

### Free Webinar June 16 - [Register Today!](#)

"How to Help Survivors Assess their Risk of Death (Lethality Assessment)"

Laura Yeomans, program manager of the Archdiocese of Washington's DV Awareness Response - and Family Peace Fellow - shares how to recognize high lethality domestic violence risks and support survivors doing their own risk assessment. Based on the key lethality risk factors developed by Dr. Jackie Campbell, of the John Hopkins School of Nursing and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence.



### National Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2, 2021 Mass at 4:30 pm ET

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC. - Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Presider

[Register here to attend the Mass.](#)

The Archdioceses of Atlanta and Chicago are also planning special Masses in October. Learn about the [DVAM Partners](#), a group from more than 35 dioceses, parishes, and organizations working to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month events and education. [Contact Family Peace](#) to join the Partners group.

**How You Can Help** - Encourage your own diocese or parish to host a Domestic Violence Awareness Mass in October. Here is a [sample letter](#) you may adapt to make your request. [Share news](#) of what your church or organization is doing.



[CatholicCares.org](#) - Family Peace is part of a Coalition of more than [50 Catholic organizations](#) promoting vaccine education and equity to help bring awareness to the importance of overcoming COVID-19 with masks, social distancing, hand hygiene and vaccinations. Take action to put the Pandemic behind us!

[Social media messages to share.](#)

## Include Domestic Violence Awareness in Marriage Preparation

*Workbook for Couples: Marriage in the Lord* (7th edition) by Liturgy Training Publications includes - along with other key issues - a questionnaire and information to help engaged couples recognize abusive behaviors. Dr. Lauri Przybysz, Family Peace Education Director, is a contributing author. [Full program details and ordering information.](#)

- 2021 Catholic Press Association Award Winner!
- Third place in Ministry Resources category. Congratulations!

Also, a module on DV from [Catholics For Family Peace](#) Add to your existing Marriage Prep content. [Available for free download](#) in English, Spanish, and French.

Learn More About the Catholics For Family Peace Initiative



**DV Ministry Training Online:** "Pastoral Responses to Domestic Violence," a 40-hour course by Family Peace Fellow Christauria Welland, Psy.D., founder, [Pax in Familia](#). Learn how to respond when confronted by violence in families and work towards healing and prevention. Receive a Level 1 Certificate of Training in Pastoral Responses to Violence in Catholic/Christian families. [Register for the training course here.](#)

### Catholic Women Survivors of Abuse, Opportunity to Share Your Stories

If you're a Catholic woman who has survived intimate partner abuse while dating, engaged, married or divorced and are at a point in your healing where you are able and willing to share your story, author Jenny duBay would like to hear from you. Jenny is founder of [Create Soul Space](#), a Catholic resource and support site about domestic abuse. If interested, please email Jenny duBay at [createsoulspace@protonmail.com](mailto:createsoulspace@protonmail.com).

[Read a survivor's response](#) to the Bishops Pastoral Statement on Domestic Abuse of Women: *When I Call For Help*.

Join us in prayer at 3:00 pm daily for all harmed by domestic abuse.  
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