

Brigidine Not-For-Sale Sunday - 8 May 2016

The buying, selling and inhumane “use” of persons – children, women and men - is today’s most common form of slavery. It can occur regardless of race, class, education, gender, age or citizenship. **It is not in OTHER countries but HERE!** Victims are either forcefully coerced or enticed by false promises. Profits go to traffickers and those associated with them. There is no regard for the human rights or dignity of the trafficked child, woman or man.

Brigidine sisters and our associates declare:

A HUMAN PERSON IS NOT-FOR-SALE!

Pray with us on NOT-FOR-SALE SUNDAY 2016

Gracious God, we trust you. Lead us in truth and let us follow paths that respect and value all people.

-We feel the anguish of those forced into prostitution by personal circumstances, poverty, or who feel they have no other option than to place their trust in the hands of forceful criminals

***Guide us to become active participants in freeing those who are vulnerable, poor and shackled, and not indifferent bystanders**

-We feel the hopelessness of asylum seekers and immigrants who, instead of finding hope in new lands, are exploited in insecure, poorly paid labour ***Guide us...**

-We feel the loneliness and desolation of children, boys and girls, who are stolen from their families for work as domestic slaves, in indentured labour or as sexual objects ***Guide us...**

[Our action links to Sustainable Development Goals  SDG Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere//SDG Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries]