

“Walking together in hope”



In this video, **Sr Carmen Ugarte Garcia, OSR**, shares with us a Lenten reflection in this Jubilee year 2025. To read the text in its entirety, [visit our website](#).

This week in Peru: 5th Edition of Talitha Kum's Leadership Course



How can we empower individuals to become **leaders of transformative change** and take action against human trafficking and exploitation on a global scale? This is what Talitha Kum's leadership course aims to achieve, equipping

each participant with the tools and knowledge they need to tackle trafficking in their respective countries.

From March 23 to 30, the 5th edition of this training culminated in **an intensive week in Lima, Peru**, gathering 30 religious women and men from 27 countries of the world. Combining theoretical and practical approaches, they participated in field visits, workshops and lectures on critical topics such as project leadership management, networking and advocacy practices.

Throughout the past 5 months, the course offered 9 online sessions covering **a rich and diverse program**, with distinguished speakers addressing various thematics including the Catholic Church's approach to trafficking, best practices in prevention, protection, and ways in which leadership can drive concrete safeguarding actions.

We're looking forward to the culmination of this journey, as participants submit their personal theses this autumn, marking the achievement of months of dedication along this empowering path.

Third Cohort of Talitha Kum Youth Ambassadors in Africa

Congratulations to TK Africa Youth Ambassadors! On March 9th, the third cohort of Youth Ambassadors from 15 different countries in Africa gathered for an online graduation ceremony. The 56 young individuals participated in a **6 month long training program** in which they learned to identify trafficking, how to raise awareness, develop strategic plans, cultivate leadership, become advocates, and promote sustainable community-based initiatives. The graduation ceremony commemorated the young people's **dedication to the fight against human trafficking**, and was an opportunity to share about their activities.



Botshe M. Sebolao presenting
"Prized not Priced", Botswana

During their training, the Youth Ambassadors have worked on a variety of projects such as "Prized, Not Priced" in Botswana, and the Ethiopian Awareness Programs.

"Prized, Not Priced," led by Lone Botshelo, increased awareness about human trafficking through parish visits, radio and television interviews, and workshops. The **Ethiopian Awareness Programs,** led by Mekdes Demisse, were conducted in parishes in Addisawa and the Tigray region and aimed at creating sustainable anti-trafficking teams in these parishes.

The online ceremony was an uplifting moment that reaffirmed the Youth Ambassadors' commitment to the fight against trafficking. They are now looking forward to the **next steps** of their mission: continuing awareness campaigns, expanding their network, strengthening collaboration, organizing training sessions, and implementing the Call to Action. Talitha Kum is proud of their leadership and resilience in the mission to end human trafficking!



Youth Ambassadors in Ethiopia

The SATAs 2025 nominations are open!



Sisters Anti-Trafficking Awards 2024 - Rome

The SATAs (Sisters Anti-Trafficking Awards) is an annual celebration honoring **three exceptional sisters** who, as representatives of their congregations and networks, have demonstrated outstanding courage, creativity, collaboration, and achievement in protecting their communities from human trafficking.

Three awards will be presented: the **Common Good Award**, the **Servant Leadership Award**, the **Human Dignity Award**. The winners will be honored at the closing ceremony in **Zambia** on **November 21, 2025**.

We invite you to **nominate a sister** who exemplifies these qualities!

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Register for our upcoming online event!

April 29th
2-4 PM (Rome time)

DIGITAL SAFETY
UNDERSTANDING ONLINE EXPLOITATION
AND HOW TO PREVENT THE NEW FORMS
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Guest speakers:
DUNCAN JEPSON
Human Rights Advocate
ATTY. RALPH VINCENT CATEDRAL
IJM Legal Specialist
MARY GIRLIE "GIGI" GLEN TUPAS
IJM Head of National Activation and Partnerships

Experts in the fight against trafficking,
specifically online sexual exploitation of children

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Legal specialist in the prosecution and
assessment of online sexual exploitation of
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DUNCAN JEPSON
Renowned human rights advocate, author, and
speaker dedicated to combating modern
slavery and exploitation.

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Talitha Kum invites you to an important **webinar** on Digital Safety: Understanding Online Exploitation and How to Prevent the New Forms of Human Trafficking, taking place online on **April 29th, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** (Rome time).

This event will focus on raising awareness about **online sexual exploitation**, targeting children in particular, and offers a unique opportunity to engage with leading professionals, explore emerging threats, and discuss prevention strategies.

Register now and be part of the conversation!

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