

Dear Sister (or Brother),

At our recent Annual Conference 2012 in Cincinnati, we recommitted ourselves, through our resolution *Trafficking of Human Beings: Our Response as Franciscans*, to continue efforts to uphold the inherent dignity of each human person by denouncing all forms of human trafficking as criminal acts that violate human rights and exploit innocent people.

To continue our efforts to educate our membership on the issue of human trafficking and from there to expand the reach of the program to the wide public, we are sending each member congregation/province the enclosed DVD “**Modern Slavery: the Secret World of Trafficking of Women**” and its accompanying resource book.

The purchase of the DVD was made possible by a grant from ACOR (Allegany Community Outreach) from Allegany Ministries. Allegany Ministries worked to promote the mission, vision and direction of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York.

Our hope is that you will use this DVD to continue to educate and raise consciousness about sex trafficking with your membership associates, boards, staff, and partners in ministry. Together we can make a difference and ultimately bring an end to human trafficking.

The letter was signed by Ann Lyons, FSSJ, Executive Director of the Franciscan Federation.