



### **Kathleen Kanet and Virginia Dorgan at Marymount University's Ethics Week**

Participating in Marymount University's annual Ethics week Kathleen Kanet and Virginia Dorgan on February 6<sup>th</sup> had the opportunity to present their educational packet, Modern Slavery The Secret World of Trafficking of Women. The workshop participants, both faculty and students arrived at their session interested in the topic although some admitted they knew very little about human trafficking. The group of 50 participants was special in that one half were men, unusual because men are often absent on workshops related sex trafficking.

In opening statements both Kathleen and Virginia had the opportunity to share their close feelings toward Marymount Arlington. For Jinny she had gone to high school on the campus and experienced the goodness of the many sisters who lived on campus. She then traced some of the founding of our institute and how it grew internationally and how important is the motto on the cross we wear, "That all may have life! Kathleen reported that Marymount Arlington was her first mission home and that she made her final vows in the chapel on campus was very happy to be invited to be present to share information regarding human trafficking with the Marymount community.

After viewing the inspiring video of Sister Eugenia table groups entered into discussion with a view toward action. There was a lot of positive energy in the room and at the major discussion which followed there was sharing of news insights and of activities already in motion by some faculty and students. In addition, they named some new actions to add to the list which include:

- Talk about the issue to make ourselves and others aware
- Teach anti-trafficking in High School /awareness
- For men to discourage other males from visiting prostitutes
- Encourage our sons to think of sex as a relationship

At the end of the session Kathleen urged that a Catholic University such as Marymount is truly the right place for exploration, study, dialogue, research, programs, on human trafficking and how to stop this new form of slavery.

The session ended with gratitude encouragement to move forward to end human trafficking.