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Parish Resources for Domestic Violence

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What should you do if someone discloses domestic violence? [Resource from Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities](#) | Brochure with [Maryland-wide contacts](#) | [Spanish](#)

These and other resources are available at www.mdccatholic.org/domesticviolence

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (66-100 words)

You Deserve to Feel Safe at Home

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced domestic abuse: physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, or economic. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that you are not alone. There is help. To get help now for yourself or a family member, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233 or visit thehotline.org. Learn more about domestic violence and family peace at catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

No One Deserves to Be Abused

“The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used. When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may question, ‘How do these violent acts relate to my promise to take my spouse for better or for worse?’ The person being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises.” – US Bishops, *When I Call for Help*. Learn more and get help at www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all people in abusive relationships. May they experience God’s love and find in our parish community the courage and support to seek help.

For all those who have witnessed violence in their homes. May they know the healing presence of God’s love and receive comfort and assistance in our parish community.

For women and men who are victims of domestic violence, may the peace of God flood their hearts and help lead them to safety.

For those who have suffered domestic violence that they may know they are not alone, they are loved, and that they encounter the healing and peace of the Lord Jesus.

Adapted from parish resources by Catholics for Family Peace (catholicsforfamilypeace.org)