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'Human Trafficking' subject of forum

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A special Kansas Town Hall program, "Human Trafficking: A Crime Against Humanity," will be presented by Sister Margaret Nacke, member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia. The public program begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum Visitors Center Auditorium. This program is free and open to the public; mature audiences are recommended.

Slavery was abolished in the U.S. in 1865, but modern-day slavery in the form of human trafficking is alive and well in the United States today, even in the state of Kansas. Human trafficking for labor and sexual exploitation is a multi-billion dollar illegal business that violates basic human rights and exploits innocent persons.

According to the U.S. State Department, there are over 12 million adult and child slaves worldwide, 56 percent of whom are women and girls. Sister Nacke will speak about this fast growing enslavement and some of the efforts being made to eradicate this evil. The program will also include a 15-minute video titled "Ballerina."

Sister Nacke has a doctorate in Adult Life Transitions from the University of Toronto, Ont. Canada. The past 20 years she has devoted much of her time helping sisters in Eastern Europe with their educational needs and researching their plight under communism. Her current research, Bakhita Initiative: U.S. Catholic Sisters United Against Human Slavery will network Catholic sisters involved in the trafficking issue.

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