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## **Join ACRATH's 16 Days Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence**

Join ACRATH actions and prayer gathering as part of the United Nations' 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, which begins on Thursday 25th November – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the campaign, which ends 10th December – Human Rights Day.

ACRATH ((Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) is encouraging people to [download](#) and disseminate a series of RESPECT posters, [watch](#) to an interview with Chiara Porro Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See and [join](#) a zoom prayer gathering to end the campaign on December 10.

### **RESPECT Posters**

A powerful series of seven posters, designed by Marilyn Ross and Liz Payne, is now available to mark 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign starting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Marilyn and Liz have worked together on awareness raising and education projects for a number of years and continue collaborating to get the message out that human trafficking and modern slavery happens here in Australia and we all have the capacity to be activists to help eradicate this violence.

“The RESPECT posters have been designed to provide an ongoing and developmental understanding of the reality of gendered violence in human trafficking and modern slavery. They are a gradual unfolding of the issues and of the ways in which we can work together to eradicate the problem. It's by a prevention-based approach and putting victim-survivors firmly at the centre of all our efforts that we can achieve outcomes,” Liz said.

[Download the RESPECT Posters here](#)

### **Chiara Porro Interview**

Australian Ambassador to the Holy See Chiara Porro urges people to be the voice of the victim/survivor. She was appointed Ambassador last year after a career that has taken her to some major human trafficking destinations globally. She is passionate about doing whatever she can to create awareness and strengthen networks to combat human trafficking, and to support victim/survivors. Chiara praises Pope Francis for using his influence to shine a spotlight on human trafficking and by working closely with faith and secular leaders on the issue. She spoke with ACRATH this week about her work..

[Watch the Chiara Porro interview](#)

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### **Join ACRATH in prayer and reflection gathering**

The one-hour prayer and reflection zoom gathering will be held at 1pm (Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra time) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021. To participate, please join the zoom meeting using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832477712?pwd=OEVidXZ1eHEzMGxnUIZkVXM5WjJaUT09>

One of the prayer and reflection gathering organisers Bernard Dobson said that we are reminded in Genesis 1:27 that 'God created humankind in God's own image' and that this is a foundational passage guiding all of us to treat others with equal dignity and respect. We are also reminded by Isaiah (49:15) that God will never forget us. God's tender love and support extends to all.

[Read more about the event](#)

Click [here](#) for all information and resources about the 16 Days campaign.

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