

PRO-LIFE COUNCIL REPORT

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The evil in this world is real. The Devil is in this world “seeking the ruin of souls”. Our Lady of Fatima has told us the last great battle between good and evil will be for the family. How does the Devil attack our families? Through our children. The two most evil ways he does this is through abortion and child sex trafficking. **Child** sex trafficking!!!

Lancaster County has had the most reported cases of sex trafficking of all the counties in the state. The director of North Star Initiative, a ministry for trafficking survivors, says this is because the county's social service agencies and governments do a better job of reporting, but still, it's not a record to be proud of or taken lightly. The Route 222 corridor from Reading has long been known as a drug route and now it is also a sex trafficking route.

The real horror and evil is happening at our southern boarder where a reported 85,000 children have crossed and just disappeared into the United States. If that is the number the government will admit to, you know it's much worse. The Mexican cartels now make more money trafficking in children for sex than they do trafficking in drugs or guns. **The biggest market for child sex trafficking worldwide is the United States.** Evil! What can we do?

Our own State Sen. Scott Martin ^{a member of our council,} co-sponsored a bill that passed the State Senate to fund kits for parents to store identifying information on their children in case of emergencies. The kits would include fingerprints and a DNA sample that would help law enforcement identify and find a missing child.

What can we do? **We can love our children - and grandchildren.** Most missing children in the United States are not forcibly abducted – they go willingly because they are not happy at home. The trafficker will take advantage and offer support and a sense of belonging.

Check out the movie **Sound of Freedom** starring Jim Caviezel. A true story about child sex trafficking. It's currently playing at the Regal Theater in the Manor Shopping Center. Google: *sound of freedom trailer* to access the trailer.

William Wilberforce, Englishman who worked to end the slave trade in the late 18th century, said, “You can choose to look the other way, but never again can you say that you never knew.”

When you become aware, you become responsible to do something.