Modern day slavery violates the sanctity, dignity & fundamental rights of the human person. Through coercion, deceit, and physical abuse, nearly 25 million adults and children are forced to perform backbreaking unpaid labor or commercial sex acts for the economic benefit of others. Many of the goods we buy may be tainted by slavery, found in global supply chains from cocoa to fish to cobalt.

To help end this dehumanizing practice and advocate for systemic change, 35 national and international agencies came together in 2003 to form the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT). CCOAHT strives to answer Pope Francis' urgent call “to join forces to prevent the slave trade and guarantee protection and assistance to victims.”

Our Coalition engages in and promotes a four-pronged approach to help eliminate the scourge of human trafficking: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, & Partnership.

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