



Our state and our city are leaders in the trafficking of children for sexual exploitation. Covenant House of Georgia sums up the grim statistics:

- Atlanta was named by the FBI as one of 14 US cities with the highest rate of children used in prostitution;
- In Georgia, 12,400 men purchase sex with young women in any given month;
- Approximately 100 adolescent females are sexually exploited each night in Georgia;
- In Georgia, adolescent females controlled by the child sex trafficking trade are sexually exploited by an adult male on an average of three times per night.

Boys as well as girls, many of them runaways, are caught up in CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children), whose victims average just 13 years of age.

MAKING PROGRESS AGAINST CSEC

Fortunately, Georgia has made progress in responding to the crisis, and Lourdes members are involved in the struggle. Through StandUp for Kids, we have reached out to young people on the streets who are at risk of exploitation. We also support the Interfaith Children's Movement, which educates and lobbies for the welfare of young people in the juvenile justice system, including CSEC victims.

The most important change has been legal recognition that children in the sex trade are not criminals themselves but victims of adult traffickers. In 2001, Georgia's Child Sexual Commerce Prevention Act made trafficking children under 18 a felony. Our 2011 Human Trafficking Law increased penalties for that crime—now a minimum of 10 years in prison—and required that law enforcement be trained to reach out to its victims.

LEARN ABOUT – AND SUPPORT – AMENDMENT 2

Truly effective outreach may involve lengthy professional support for CSEC survivors, costing as much as \$80,000 a year. Last year, the General Assembly passed legislation to create the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund. Through additional penalties on sex traffickers and a tax on adult-oriented businesses, Georgia will fund groups providing safe housing, trauma counseling, medical treatment and other resources for CSEC victims. But establishing the fund requires a YES vote on Amendment 2 on the November 8th general election ballot.

On **Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to noon**, St. Anthony's in the West End will host a forum on CSEC and the Safe Harbor legislation, featuring Jennifer Swain of the child advocacy group youthSpark. Lourdes is co-sponsoring the event, which will be held at St. Anthony's, **928 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW**. Plan to attend!

More details on Safe Harbor initiative can be found at <http://www.safeharboryes.com/>

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

OCTOBER 2016 ~ October 16 ~ AIDS WALK ~ Piedmont Park ~ 2P						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 RCIA 8:30A Parenting Ministry 9:30A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Women's Council 9:30AM Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A</p>	<p>3 Ultreya 7P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>4 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p>5 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P JustFaith/Just Matters 7P</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 Habitat Build Date 8A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>9 Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 8:30A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPC/KPCA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P</p>	<p>10 Columbus Day Pastoral Council 7P Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>11 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>12 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P JustFaith/Just Matters 7P</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Lourdes Walking Club Orientation 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Dance by Kenya 1P Marist High School Retreat 1P ASBS Meeting 3:00P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore, & Beignets 6:30P</p>
<p>16 Marist Information Session Bookstore, & Beignets 8A RCIA 8:30A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Haiti Committee 12N</p>	<p>17 Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>19 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P JustFaith/Just Matters 7P</p>	<p>21 Teen Ministry Retreat Weekend Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</p>	<p>22 Teen Ministry Retreat AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Dance by Kenya 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>23 BLOOD DRIVE Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 8:30A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Life Issues 12N Lay Dominicans Meeting 2P</p>	<p>24 Zumba 7:15P Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM</p>	<p>25 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>26 Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Safe Halloween Party 6:30P</p>
<p>30 FLU SHOTS KFC BREAKFAST RCIA 8:30A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12N</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween Zumba Class 7:15P</p>					

Save the Date

Saturday, October 8 ~ Baby Boomer's Game Night ~ 6:30P
 Saturday, October 15 ~ Lourdes Walking Club Orientation ~ 9:00A
 Sunday, October 23 ~ Blood Drive ~ 9:30A

Sunday, October 30 ~ Health Ministry Sponsors Flu Shots by Walgreens (While supplies last)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH TWELVE MONTH (12) FINANCIAL REPORT

July 01, 2015 - June 30, 2016

	Budget 07/15 - 06/16	Actual 07/01/15 - 06/30/16	Budget 07/01/16 - 06/30/17
OFFERTORY	\$ 1,322,088	\$ 1,467,822	\$ 1,362,244
DONATIONS/OTHER COLLECTIONS		518	
GEORGIA BULLETIN	927	1,479	927
INTEREST INCOME (D & L)	15,845	39,347	15,845
ORDER OUR STEPS		25,906	
OLD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN		650	
Gain/Loss on Endowment		(459)	
Endowment Income			
SPECIAL MINISTRIES		65,744	
ADMIN GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL INCOME		34,853	
Arch Annual Appeal Refund	<u>\$ 1,338,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,125</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,016</u>
SALARIES, TAXES, BENEFITS	\$ 719,318	\$ 750,890	\$ 809,917
UTILITIES & TELEPHONE	58,560	62,467	58,597
INSURANCE ON PLANT	17,316	16,529	18,182
ARCHDIOCESAN RESPONSIBILITIES	263,309	260,062	300,296
			179,255 Assessment
			600 Annual Appeal
			120,441 School Subsidy
			<u>300,296</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL	94,501	95,238	101,101
GEORGIA BULLETIN	6,426	6,146	6,400
LITURGY EXPENSE	51,798	66,166	65,825
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/PLANT	66,698	95,581	66,641
RECTORY EXPENSE	37,096	22,655	27,096
YOUTH MINISTRY	4,526	7,142	4,526
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	3,800	7,442	3,500
SPECIAL MINISTRIES	15,512	56,648	13,430
LITURGY EXPENSE CREDIT			(96,862)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 1,338,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,378,649</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ 195,160	\$ 367

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YEAR-END- JUNE 30, 2016

REVENUES						Order Our Steps Campaign		Old Capital Campaign		
	OFFERTORY	CHURCH MINISTRIES	KDCC & DONATIONS	INTEREST INCOME	GA. BULLETIN	TOTAL		TOTAL		
2016	\$1,467,822	\$65,744	\$41,178	\$39,347	\$1,479	\$1,615,569	2016	\$ 25,906	2016	\$ 650
2015	\$1,308,217	\$18,650	\$146,994	\$35,920	\$1,744	\$1,511,525	2015	\$2,329	2015	\$4,000
2014	\$1,172,881		\$146,364	\$22,006	\$967	\$1,342,218	2014	\$598,268	2014	\$19,392
2013	\$965,756		\$19,514	\$21,979	\$927	\$1,008,176	2013	\$177,168	2013	\$13,651
2012	\$925,471		\$3,092	\$21,794	\$3,622	\$953,979	2012		2012	\$38,618

EXPENSES								
	SALARIES, TAXES & BENEFITS	CHURCH MINISTRIES	UTILITIES & TELEPHONE	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PARISH ASSESSMENT	GA. BULLETIN	Admin, Liturgy, Rel. Ed., Ins. & Rectory	TOTAL
2016	\$750,890	\$56,648	\$62,467	\$95,581	\$260,062	\$6,146	\$ 215,172	\$1,446,965
2015	\$ 658,418	\$ 50,455	\$54,794	\$218,020	\$217,777	\$6,300	\$177,124	\$ 1,382,888
2014	\$596,625		\$31,726	\$43,938	\$213,409	\$6,538	\$201,379	\$1,093,615
2013	\$582,359		\$2,666	\$21,716	\$187,641	\$6,930	\$230,783	\$1,032,095
2012	\$506,099		\$21,387	\$38,171	\$155,763	\$8,277	\$215,639	\$945,336

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FULTON COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH (PICH) PROGRAM

INTERFAITH ACTIVE LIVING INITIATIVE

PRESENTS

Our Lady of Lourdes Walking Club Kick-Off

- WHAT:** Walking Club Kick-off on October 15th from 9-11AM
- WHO:** **ALL** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Members, Family and Friends
- WHY:** Walking is a great way to get the physical activity needed to obtain health benefits. Walking does not require any special skills. It also does not require a gym membership or expensive equipment.
- WHERE:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity each day. The guidelines also recommend that children and adolescents be active for at least 60 minutes every day. Following these guidelines can contribute to your overall health, and decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer or diabetes.

Benefits of joining this walking club may include but are not limited to:

- A healthier, body, mind and spirit
- Opportunities to win gift cards and prizes on a monthly basis
- Access to educational programs throughout the county
- Access to Fulton County media coverage
- Certification opportunities (CPR/AED Trainings and Group Fitness Trainings for example)

Event made possible by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

What we can do to fight child sex trafficking in Atlanta

YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE: Atlanta has one of the highest child sex trafficking rates in the country. Unfortunately, it affects every part of our city.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church will sponsor a workshop on this topic.

The panel of speakers will include Jennifer Swain of youthSpark, who will give an overview of the child sex trafficking issue. You also will learn about the law enforcement response. And you'll get important information on the "Safe Harbor" Amendment, a proposal on the November ballot which would authorize the state to set aside funds for victim services.

Saturday, October 15, 2016
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
928 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, SW
Atlanta, GA 30310

Parking is available across the street from St. Anthony's in the rear lot of the Dollar Tree Store, located at 906 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, SW



Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This year we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Church there faces many challenges, including lack of access to resources the faithful need to nourish their spiritual lives. Often, there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve, or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to other important resources for the faith. Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church.

For the past 50 years, through the Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA), you have helped the Church in 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean to address challenges to the faith. Only with your committed support can we continue help develop evangelization and catechetical programs and fund activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples. Your renewed support funds several ministries and projects that ensure the people in Latin America and the Caribbean can share their faith and strengthen connections with members of the church community.

In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Upon completion,

participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church.

In the Archdiocese of Santiago de Los Caballeros in the Dominican Republic, many people are very dedicated to their parishes but do not have access to formation resources to fully understand the mission of Jesus to spread the gospel message. To address this problem, the archdiocese developed a three-stage plan to prepare people to become missionary leaders. Thanks to a grant from the CLA, the archdiocese was able to implement the first stage of the plan to provide workshops, retreats, and door-to-door missions.

Now, 90 participants are leaders in their communities. They offer formation and catechesis as well as seek out parishioners who may be interested in becoming missionaries themselves. This program strengthened both the participants' connections to the universal Church and their bonds with their neighbors and fellow parishioners. As one participant noted, "This training and course helped me, as a mother and wife, to feel loved by Jesus, to know a God that is alive, and to carry my burden each day with love, patience, and strength."

Through projects like these, the Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the people of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with the world. For more information on how you can help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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**Travel with the OLLS Alumni Association
Wind Creek Casino - Wetumpka, Alabama**



DEPARTURE: Thursday, October 20, 2016

7:30 A.M. Cascade Walmart near Home Depot

8:00 A.M. Parking Lot, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 25 Boulevard NE
(Enter from Edgewood Side)

RETURN: Thursday, October 20, 2016

8:00 P.M. Parking Lot, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Edgewood Side

8:30 P.M. Cascade Walmart near Home Depot

TRIP INCLUDES: Round-trip travel to Wind Creek Casino - Wetumpka

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- * Deluxe Motor Coach
- * TV/DVD - Movies
- * Beverages and Snacks (on departure)

COST: \$ 40.00 Per Person – Non-refundable
Please return attached info form with payment.
Checks should be payable to OLLS Alumni.

For additional information, contact Annease Jones, 404-349-0430.

Complete, detach, and return this reservation form along with required payment to:

**OLLS Alumni
2531 Black Forest Trail SW
Atlanta, GA 30331
Deadline –October 8, 2016**

Enclosed is \$ _____
(amount)

Birthdate: _____
M/D/Y

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Tel. No. _____

Address _____
City/State/Zip

Emergency Contact Name

Telephone No.