



# End Violence Against Women!

*The orange ribbon is worn to express one's dedication to eradicating violence against women and as an expression of solidarity with victims during their healing—both spiritual and physical—process.*

Violence against women takes many forms, inter alia: domestic violence, violence in armed conflict, rape and sexual assault, violence during migration, in the trafficking of women and girls, and conditions of extreme poverty. All forms of violence result in the silencing of women, denying them the right of expression and full participation in the life of their families, communities, and governments. Ultimately, violence against any individual shatters the image of God in which each person is created, and must therefore be systematically addressed by all levels of society, including the Church.

A few statistics:

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**According to the WHO, 35% of women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence. In some national studies, 70% of women have experienced intimate partner violence.**

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**The Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States has shown that nearly 1 in 5 women have reported experiencing rape in their lifetime. Over 42% of victims were first raped before age 18.**

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**The United Nations Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict has noted that systematic sexual violence against women and girls is regularly used as a means to achieve political and/or military objectives, and is often used as a weapon of war.**

*Excerpt taken from GOARCH's UN statement to the 59th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*

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