

Heal the Wounds

A PASTORAL GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN RESPOND

"I see the Church as a field hospital... You have to heal the wounds." - Pope Francis



When encountering any person coming to the Catholic Church for assistance, we must remember that we are the "face of the Church" and must respond with charity and compassion. The person's journey of healing and his or her encounter with the healing power of Christ begins with you!



Remember: The goal is not to just hand out a resource, but to accompany the person on a journey of healing. Ask for the person's number and follow up with them.

PERSON IN RISK OF HARM

Domestic Violence

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)
- **Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
(GCADV) (404) 209-0280 or 1-800-334-2836
- **International Women's House** 24 Hour Hotline:
770-413-5557
- **Tapestri, Inc.:** 404-299-2185
- **Caminar Latino** 404-413-6348 (Spanish)

Suicide

- Hotline- 1-800-273-8255
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**
<https://afsp.org/find-support/>
- If you have immediate emergency, call 911.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Archdiocesan 24 hour Abuse Reporting Hotline

1-888-437-0764

Trauma Recovery Groups

Contact Sue Stubbs MS, NCC

Director, Victim Assistance Program

404-920-7554

sstubbs@archatl.com



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

24 hours, 7 days a week, English, Spanish & 200 more languages
humantraffickinghotline.org

MARRIAGE REPAIR RESOURCES

Marriage Repair

- **Retrouvaille**
atlanta@retrouvaille.org or retrouvaille.org
- http://tiny.cc/atl_marriagerepair

Co-Parenting Resources for Divorced Parents

- uptoparents.org

Recovering from Divorce

- Free online program to assist in healing after divorce
<http://tiny.cc/rfd>

To report **child abuse or neglect** call:

1-855-GACHILD (1-855-422-4453)

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION HELP

Mental Health Counseling

- **Atlanta Catholic Charities**
Intake Line- 404-920-7745
Counseling Services around the Archdiocese
- **Holy Family Counseling** - 678-993-8494
Multiple locations available

Addiction

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - In Georgia, call 404-525-3178 anytime of day or night to reach A.A. volunteers for help or for information on A.A. meetings and programs. There are over 1,100 A.A. meetings each week in Atlanta.
- **National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information** (NCADI) Self-Help Resources for many types of addictions. Call 1-800-729-6686 for an information specialist.
- **Georgia Al-Anon and Al-Lateen Family Groups of Georgia** Provides support to those affected by someone else's drinking. Call 404-687-0467

Pornography Addiction - Visit www.tiny.cc/pornhelp

PREGNANCY AID CLINIC

All services at Pregnancy Aid Clinic are free and confidential.

Please call them for more information, or to set an appointment to come into one of their offices. (404) 763-HELP (4347)



PATH - POST ABORTION TREATMENT AND HEALING

Personal, compassionate and non-judgemental help & healing.
www.healingafterabortion.org - (404) 717-5557

POSSIBLE SPIRITUAL POSSESSION

When contacted by an individual claiming to have demonic possession/obsession, have them contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7550 (sstubbs@archatl.com) or Perla Freed (pfreed@archatl.com) for a brief intake that will be shared with a team of priests and one of them will be in touch with further guidance.