

To mark the International Day on Violence Against Women

Sisters of Mercy,
Mercy International Association
invite you to an interactive presentation by
Sr Angela Reed RSM PhD

Exploiting Vulnerability: An Exploration of the Lives of Filipino Women Trafficked for Sexual Exploitation

Monday November 23rd

11.00-1.00pm

Light Refreshments served

Church Centre, 10th Floor

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This presentation is based on PhD research undertaken by Angela Reed RSM on giving voice to trafficked women. Young women who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation have unique perceptions about their lives and the significance of having been trafficked. This research highlights Filipino women's experiences of sex trafficking.

Consisting of rich descriptions and interpretations of the domestic trafficking experience through stories collected in the course of focus groups and in-depth interviews, this study provides new ways of understanding the phenomenon, and it builds on a theoretical literature that is largely framed within seven sex trafficking paradigms. Angela proposes an eighth paradigm whereby women's sex trafficking experiences may be understood in the context of the life course. Participants will be invited to reflect on and integrate this paradigm into their own advocacy work.



The above image is part of one of 25 images painted by Sr Venus Marie Pagar SFX based on the stories shared by these women. A series of these images will be displayed on the day.

These images and the accompanying stories have been published in a book entitled 'I Have a Voice: Trafficked Women –in their own words'. Edited by Angela Reed and Marietta Latonio. The book will be available for purchase on the day for \$20. All proceeds support the women associated with this project.