



Statement of Faith Against Modern Slavery

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In the words of Pope Francis, today slavery is rooted in the notion of the human being treated as an object.

When we no longer regard our neighbours as being of equal dignity, sharing a common humanity without brothers and sisters, but rather as objects, slavery can often take root in our society.

It is a tragedy that in our world today, human beings created in the image and likeness of God, are deprived of their freedom, sold and reduced to being the property of others.

Many are treated as a means to an end. With education, respect and dignity for every human person, we can make a difference.

Together, let us commit to eradicate this affront to our humanity.

