



Catholic Daughters Court 216



Open to all Catholic Women

The Catholic Daughters Court 216 Meeting will be held on

Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at 5:30pm

We will begin with Mass at the Corpus Christi Center followed by dinner.

Please RSVP by Tuesday May 7th @ noon Call Kitty Nilles at 515-206-5496

The guest speaker will be Sr. Shirley Fineran, OSF, LISW, Founder and President of Lila Mae's House, a trauma informed residential home for adult women survivors of domestic trafficking.

Presentation Topic: Human Trafficking



Sister Shirley Fineran, O.S.F., has been an active volunteer in peace, justice and women's issues for 56 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa. She retired from Briar Cliff University in May 2019, after 28 years as social work professor and Director of Field Education. She received the status of Professor Emerita in 2020.

She is a tireless advocate for comprehensive immigration reform and educating others about human trafficking. Sister Shirley has been a founding member of the Food Bank of Siouxland, Siouxland Habitat for Humanity, Siouxland Unidad Latina, Justice for Our Neighbors Immigration Clinic, and Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Sister has received the Briar Cliff University Service Award, the Quota Woman of the Year award, Food Bank of Siouxland's Founder Award, the War Eagle Human Rights Award, the 2016 Women of Excellence Marilyn Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award, the Briar Cliff University Community Impact Award, and the Briar Cliff University Spirit of St. Francis Award.

She has served on the boards of Trinity Health Diversity, Boys and Girls and Family Services, Habitat for Humanity, Leadership Siouxland, the United Way, Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking and Slavery, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Sister Shirley was the organizer of human trafficking billboards posted throughout the Siouxland area as well as a human trafficking exhibit that is available for display in parts of western Iowa and Siouxland.

Sister Shirley is the founder and president of Lila Mae's House (formerly Siouxland Restoration Center), a trauma-informed residential home for adult women survivors of domestic sex trafficking.

In her lectures on human trafficking Sister presents information for all ages, parents, grandparents, educators, providers, and professionals:

- Human trafficking categories and examples
- The various ways that young people are recruited into sex trafficking
- Indicators of vulnerability and exploitation
- How to safely and effectively respond to the possible victimization of children and youth whether they are living at home and attending school while under the control of a trafficker or being transported on a "circuit" throughout Midwest and beyond
- Iowa's and nation's anti-trafficking legislation; and how you may use our laws to advocate for youth
- Lila Mae's House for women survivors