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Dear friends the AIC volunteers,

May the peace and grace of the Lord be with you!

Our Association's Executive Board pays special attention to Training and has given it a boost. During our meeting last February, the participants made suggestions of different topics that we thought should be explored. Firstly, the **Priority Lines of Action** (discussed in the Training reflections for May and June 2018) and now another topic that we see as an affliction of humanity: **Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking**, two topical faces of poverty, (which as you will see, are linked to the first Priority Line of Action about seeking harmony with our brothers and sisters).

Sr Genoveva Nieto, DC in Colombia and an expert on this topic, is convinced that at AIC we are a strong force that can fight against these forms of poverty. She has generously accepted to create a series of training reflections for us for the rest of the year, with the aim of giving us the skills to face up to these types of slavery: "**MIGRANT SMUGGLING**" and "**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**".

We have attached a PowerPoint with the programme presenting the topics that will be discussed during the next 6 training reflections.

By studying these topics, we will discover how the smuggling of migrants took place in the time of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac during the wars of the 17th century; we will understand how the situations of vulnerability in which migrants find themselves can lead to human trafficking, and we will identify the differences between poverty and impoverishment, which are not just economic, but also spiritual, mental, emotional and linked to a lack of support networks.

We warmly invite you to study these training reflections carefully, in order to join forces within AIC to support victims of **Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling** in various ways.

We send you our kindest regards in Christ, Saint Vincent and Saint Louise.

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