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Good Afternoon Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council.

On behalf of the Catholic Women's League of the parish of St. Padre Pio, I thank you for accepting our request to be on the agenda today.

This is once again a two tiered 'Awareness Event' request

First. The Catholic Women's League of St. Padre Pio Parish in Kleinburg, is respectfully requesting that the City of Vaughan Council proclaim October 7th to October 11th as Human Trafficking Awareness week in Vaughan.

Our Action Plan for the proclaimed week will be to promote awareness and education, especially to those who may be in vulnerable situations. Our focus will be on our High Schools and we will begin contacting schools before the end of this school year.

We also recognize that **dialoguing with friends, family and neighbours is crucial.**

Secondly, we are requesting a Flag Raising at Vaughan City Hall on **Monday, Oct. 7th**. We have the approval and support of the Archdiocese of Toronto for this endeavor so I am also respectfully requesting the Flag Raising through this presentation. **We are looking to invite York Region and possibly Toronto High School students to the Flag raising this year as it will be a school day.**

Last year was a very successful event, thanks to the support we received from Vaughan City Council. One of our fundraising outreaches was to the patrons at a Vaughan pub. I went table to table to talk to customers about Human Trafficking. Surprisingly, the men and women were very interested in what we had to say and not surprisingly thought that Human Trafficking wasn't happening in Vaughan.

Last November, Karen Dean of 360Kids, was invited to our Catholic Women's League meeting and we presented her with a cheque for \$2000.00 towards the Hope Program. Here is what she wrote to us at Christmas

Good Afternoon My Friend,

Just wanted to wish you and the amazing women at the Catholic Women's League of St Padre Pio a very Happy New Year. It's been busy to say the least, but I did want to thank you again, for all your support for our young women.

Because of you and your amazing team, our youth had a wonderful holiday season. All of our youth remained with us throughout the holidays as they have no family that they can connect with so we were able to shower them with love and attention. We were able to purchase the personal hygiene products they so desperately need. Each young woman received new pajamas and self care baskets all because of your generosity. They were so grateful and emotional that I had to share just how much you ladies have uplifted the spirits of these amazing young survivors.

Karen also shared at our round table that the girls were astounded that we actually accomplished a flag raising. They thought no one cared about them.

This concludes my presentation, Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Fisher St Padre Pio Parish