



# School Sisters of Notre Dame

*Atlantic-Midwest Province ... Four Commitments*

## **Haiti Commitment**

SSND seeks to end violence against women and girls in Haiti, prevent parents who are poor from sending their children into domestic servitude, provide sustainable livelihoods for economically vulnerable families, and provide children's access to quality education.

## **Human Trafficking Commitment**

SSND educates and advocates to eliminate two manifestations of modern day slavery: Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking. Although sex trafficking is a lucrative business, the majority of victims of modern day slavery are enslaved laborers. Catholic Social Teaching principles of Human Dignity and Worker Rights inspire and guide our work. Eighty-three percent of U.S. sex trafficking victims are U.S. citizens. Similarly, almost all victims in Canada are Canadian born.

## **Immigration Commitment**

SSND has made a commitment to work toward justice for immigrants, educating others about the concerns of migrants, refugees and immigrants whom face danger, prejudice and fears as they seek safety and their human right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of their dreams.

## **Water Commitment**

The focus of the province's water committee is to grow our understanding and engagement of the water crisis we face. Less than 2 percent is suitable for consumption. Access to clean water every day is a necessary requirement for life. There are also efforts to stop using bottled water in all but emergency situations and to advocate for the right to water for everyone.