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Living Catholic in the 808: Victims and Perpetrators are Members of the Body of Christ

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***Job 19:7 Behold, I cry out, "Violence" but I am
not answered; I call for help, but there is no
justice.***

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Notice that it says "awareness" month. Our community, our Church, our clergy and parish leaders, we all need to grow to more quickly recognize that there are victims of domestic violence close by - in our circles of influence. Victims and perpetrators are members of our Church, the Body of Christ!

The World Health Organization in 2013 reported that 35 percent of women around the globe have experienced sexual or physical abuse. And according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 25% of our men are or also have been victims.

If you are a victim or a perpetrator, or if you know someone in a situation of domestic violence, please call the 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Additional information on how you might assist people in this situation can also be found at the diocesan website
www.catholicahawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence

***Psalm 10:17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the
afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will
incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and
the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may
strike terror no more.***