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**150 Religious Leaders to Participate in Domestic Violence Conference**

Laguna Hills, Ca. - "Families in Crisis" is the first conference of its kind which will focus on the role and influence assumed by the church in the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. The topics to be discussed include "Teen Dating Violence," and "Why Women Stay- Effects of Domestic Abuse on Children." The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Laguna Hills at 25205 La Paz Road on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

"Our goal is to have all faiths have an increased respect and understanding about the roles and influences that all of us share in preventing and treating domestic violence," said Orange County Superior Court Judge Pamela Iles.

The conference seeks to improve understanding among different religions on this pervasive problem. Religious leaders will bring their experience and expertise regarding the nuances of cultural influence on domestic violence.

Program speakers include Dr. Jill Murray, a public speaker who has appeared on more than 200 radio and television programs, including "Oprah Winfrey." Al Miles, an author of 12 books on the issues of domestic violence and the church's roles in such cases, will be the keynote speaker. Other representatives from the religious community include Dr. Michael Bucaro, Imam Moustafa Al Qazwini, Kay Lindahl, Rick Costa, Reverend Al Miles. Local government representatives include Deputy District Attorney Dave Wagner, Public Defender Carl Holmes, Susan Nordmeyer, Mediation Services of the Superior Court.

The "Families in Crisis" Conference was led by a steering committee of 22 religious leaders who collaborated with Supervisor Tom Wilson and Orange County Superior Court Judge Pamela Iles.

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