Hope & Healing  
Beyond Heroin

Talking Points

- The heroin epidemic has reached crisis levels in our country, and our state of Ohio is at the epicenter of this crisis
- It is estimated that 900 people will die in Ohio this year because of heroin overdose
- In 2016, Ohio had the most deaths related to heroin in the country: one in 9 heroin deaths across the US happened in Ohio. (Source: www.dispatch.com)
- Most people know someone who is addicted, or has a family member or co-worker who has suffered as the result of this crisis
- Most heroin addicts begin their path of addiction because of pain medication
- We need to break the silence. So many hold their struggle and/or their pain to themselves out of fear or shame
- Understanding both the crisis and pain of addiction is the first step to breaking the grip of this epidemic

What We Can Do

- Make certain that all opiates prescribed by physicians are kept in a secure location away from children and the public
- Safely dispose of opiates at your local County Sheriff’s office
- Pray for those who struggle with the ills of addiction
- Pray for those who are working to protect our communities
- Reach out to your minister/pastor/religious leader for guidance
- Ask all faith leaders in our region to bring attention and awareness to this painful and difficult issue

A PRAYER TO MATT TALBOT

May Matt Talbot’s triumph over addiction, bring hope to our lives and strength to our hearts.
May he intercede for all who struggle with an addiction.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Great Healer.
Amen.

Together we are stronger than this epidemic. 
We can make a difference and bring help and hope to those in need.

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Resources

- Greater Than Heroin : www.greaterthanheroin.com
- United Way 211: dialing 211 or visit www.211OH.org/ to chat online.
- Let’s Face Heroin: www.letsfaceheroin.com
- Start Talking at www.starttalking.ohio.gov
- Join a 12 Step Program: HeroinAnonymous.org;  NA.org ; AAcleve.org; Al-Anon.org
- Contact your local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board as well as your local county’s Heroin & Opioid Task Force
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