



World Refugee Day June 20

A Faithful Call to Pray with Refugees

God,
We pray for all people.
We pray for those who leave their countries of origin in search for a better life and safety for their families.
Help us to stand strong in actions of solidarity and prayers.
Give courage to elected leaders to do the right thing by enacting laws that protect all refugees and migrants.
You always make something new in each one of us.
With your help, let us build a better world for all, let us turn indifference to compassion and mercy.
We pray in Jesus name.
Amen.

Solidarity Action for Refugees and Migrants*

Participate in Calls to Action by the Justice for Immigrants Catholic Campaign as a mechanism to make your voice heard by your Elected leaders.

Celebrate a Mass or prayer service in your local parish on or around World Refugee Day, June 20. Focus on migration in readings and intentions of the prayers of the faithful.

Volunteer to teach English to newcomers. Contact your local Catholic Charities to find out if such an opportunity exists in your community.

Host a potluck with newcomers in your community to try new foods and encounter and learn about new cultures.

Today we celebrate #WorldRefugeeDay. Let everyone know that you support and protect the right for #RefugeesWelcome in the United States.

*USCCB JFI toolkit for World Refugee Day 2017

"The scope of the mission today seems to expand every day, embracing ever new poor people - men and women with the face of Christ who plead for help, consolation, and hope in the most desperate situations of life. Therefore, you are needed: your missionary daring and your availability to bring to all the Good News, which frees and consoles."

**Pope Francis,
Address to Oblates General Chapter,
October 2016**

Oblates Refugee Ministry

U.S Oblates offer journey of faith for a refugee family to settle in Chicago:

<https://www.oblatesusa.org/who-we-are/our-missionary-work/newsroom/a-journey-of-faith/>

Oblate parish welcomes refugees in Canada:

<http://omiworld.org/en/content/news/3632/omi-parish-welcomes-refugees/>

Oblates in Germany give refugees a home:

<https://www.oblatesusa.org/who-we-are/our-missionary-work/newsroom/giving-refugees-a-home/>