

# 108<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

## Pastoral Suggestions

1. Build awareness of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees through the parish bulletin, a poster, an announcement, a short video on the diocese/parish website, or by preaching a homily focused on Migrants and Refugees;
2. Praying for Migrants & Refugees: include prayers for them in the prayers of the faithful;
3. Recognize and thank the refugee sponsorship committee in your parish, if one exists;
4. Recognize a refugee family that has been sponsored by the parish;
5. Begin a parish refugee committee and sponsor a refugee;
6. Invite and encourage parishioners to volunteer as members of a parish refugee committee.

## Resources

1. Pope Francis' Message and Prayer: [Message of the Holy Father for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees \(25 September 2022\) \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/migrants/20220925-messa-migranti-2022-25-09-2022.html)
2. Migrants & Refugees Section's website, which includes supporting material for this year's World Day of Migrants & Refugees: [2022 World Day of M&R - Migrants & Refugees Section \(migrants-refugees.va\)](https://migrants-refugees.va/)
3. Contact the Catholic Refugee Sponsors' Council ([CRSC](https://www.crsccanada.org/)) for further resources and SAH contacts in Canada.
4. Sample Bulletin announcement:  
*"The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36)."*
5. Sample petitions for the Prayers of the Faithful
  - *For all people displaced around the world, driven from their homeland because of war, persecution and injustice. We pray to the Lord.*
  - *For migrants and refugees, that in the hospitality of Christians, they may experience God's compassion. We pray to the Lord.*
  - *For the many volunteers who carry out loving deeds and who are dedicated to welcoming refugees, may they know the love and blessing of God. We pray to the Lord.*
  - *That we may accept the gift of migrants and refugees with open hands and heart. We pray to the Lord.*
  - *For those who escaped from war and poverty that they may find people to welcome them.*