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U.S. Catholic Agencies Prepare for “Share the Journey” Global Campaign on Migration to be launched by Pope Francis September 27th

Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Announce “Share the Journey Campaign Launch; Week of Call to Prayer and Action; and Website

Alexandria, Va. (September 25 2017) –On September 27, Pope Francis will launch the worldwide, two-year “Share the Journey” campaign calling on Catholics and the faithful to ‘encounter’ migrants and refugees in an effort to break down barriers of fear and suspicion and build bridges of understanding and hospitality. Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are part of a global network of Caritas organizations participating in the campaign. Together they have launched a new website ahead of and in support of the global “Share the Journey” campaign in support of migrants and refugees around the world. The new campaign website <https://www.sharejourney.org> offers ways in which people, parishes, schools and other groups can participate. “Share the Journey” is a call to prayer, to reflection and to action.

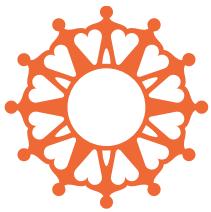
WHO: CCUSA, CRS and the USCCB are calling on Catholics, parishes, schools, other organizations and all people of good will to participate in the worldwide ‘Share the Journey’ campaign. Through prayers and acts of compassion and support, you can help shape conversations and actions to answer the Gospel call to love our neighbors.

WHEN: The campaign will be launched on Sept. 27, 2017 by Pope Francis, who will perform a symbolic gesture of “reaching out” to migrants and refugees, inviting others around the world to join him in doing the same. The campaign will also be supported by dozens of bishops across the United States who will also offer similar reaching out gestures within their own dioceses.

WHAT: <https://www.sharejourney.org> is the dedicated website for activities taking place in the U.S. In the weeks leading up to and immediately following the official launch by Pope Francis, CCUSA, CRS and USCCB will use this site to provide resources, engagement opportunities and proposed events, including the following:

- Media resource page with spokesperson contact:
<https://www.sharejourney.org/media/>
- Personal stories from immigrants and refugees:
<https://www.sharejourney.org/meet-your-neighbors/>
- Educational and Pastoral resources such as prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer and Action: <https://www.sharejourney.org/resource-library/>





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- “Week of Prayer and Action” from October 7 to October 13 that calls on all Catholics and all people of goodwill to take a public action in support of migrants and refugees in their communities and local dioceses.

<https://www.sharejourney.org/resource-library/catholic-leaders/>

WHERE: For additional information and updates on ways to get involved, please visit the campaign website: <https://sharejourney.org> or follow us on [Twitter](#), Facebook and [Instagram](#) for the latest information.

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About Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), a member of Caritas Internationalis, is the national office for the Catholic Charities ministry nationwide. CCUSA’s members provide help and create hope to more than 8 million people a year regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. To learn more, please visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org and follow CCUSA on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS’ relief and development work is accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance and peacebuilding. For more information, visit www.crs.org or www.crsespanol.org and follow Catholic Relief Services on social media: [Facebook](#), Twitter at [@CatholicRelief](#), [@CRSnews](#) and [@CRSnoticias](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [YouTube](#).

About the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is an assembly of the hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands who jointly exercise certain pastoral functions on behalf of the Christian faithful of the United States. The purpose of the Conference is to promote the greater good which the Church offers humankind, especially through forms and programs of the apostolate fittingly adapted to the circumstances of time and place. This purpose is drawn from the universal law of the Church and applies to the episcopal conferences which are established all over the world for the same purpose. For more information, visit www.usccb.org and www.justiceforimmigrants.org. Follow the USCCB on [Facebook](#), [Twitter @USCCB](#), [Instagram](#)

