CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO A BRIEFING ON

World Refugee Day

There are over 68 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. Among them are 25.4 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. 52% of the world’s refugees and displaced are children. There are also an estimated 10 million stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement.

Refugees face persecution and therefore are forced to flee to nearby refugee host countries. They are unable to return to their countries of origin. Some of them are also unsafe in the host country and need resettlement to a third country. Generally, less than 1% of all refugees have been offered resettlement opportunities in third countries. That small percentage has continued to shrink even more as the U.S. Administration, ordinarily a global leader in resettlement, has lowered the FY 2019 refugee admissions ceiling to an all-time low of 30,000 and added other restrictions to an already rigorous refugee vetting process.

Join Catholic Charities USA and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to learn more about the dire circumstances that compel refugees to flee, the stringent vetting process for those being considered for US resettlement, how refugees are settled in the United States and the ways refugees contribute to local communities and to our nation.

Speakers:

Bill Canny
Executive Director
Migration and Refugee Services
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Patrick Raglow
Executive Directors
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Rachel Brunner
Manager, Common Earth Gardens
Catholic Charities of Louisville

When: Thursday, June 20, 2019
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Place: B-208 Longworth House Office Building

Refreshments Provided