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Today's Webinar



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Welcoming New Americans through Parish Social Ministry

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This webinar is hosted by Catholic Charities USA Parish Social Ministry Leadership Team.

The CCUSA Parish Social Ministry section is an association that provides networking opportunities, resources and skill development for parish social ministry professionals and volunteers at parishes, dioceses and Catholic Charities agencies.

The focus is on strengthening the capacity of the Catholic community to build a more just and compassionate society and to reduce poverty.

CCUSA PSM Leadership Team produces webinars (like this one), publishes newsletters and other printed resources, develops national trainings and workshops, and engages in consulting with fellow parish social ministers.



Today's Presenters



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Opening Prayer



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Merciful God,
we pray for families and individuals who have left or
fled their homes,
seeking safer and better lives.

We lift up to you their hopes, fears, and needs,
that they may be protected on their journeys,
their dignity and rights may be honored and upheld,
and they may be welcomed with open arms
into generous and compassionate communities.
Amen.

(from CCUSA's Prayer for Refugees and Migrants- <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/prayers>)

Catholic Teaching on Migration



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Five Guiding Principles:

- Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
- Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
- Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
- Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
- The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.



Papal and US Bishops Statements



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World Refugee and Migrant Day Messages



Ecclesia in America (1999)



Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity (2001)



Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope (2003)

The Importance of Parish Welcome

- Parishes are key partners in the integration process
- Parishes reflect the new demographic reality
- Parishes are already responding
- Parishes still experience resistance



Migration Campaigns for Parish Engagement



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- **Global Migration Campaign: Share the Journey**
(Caritas Internationalis)
www.loveyourneighbor.us



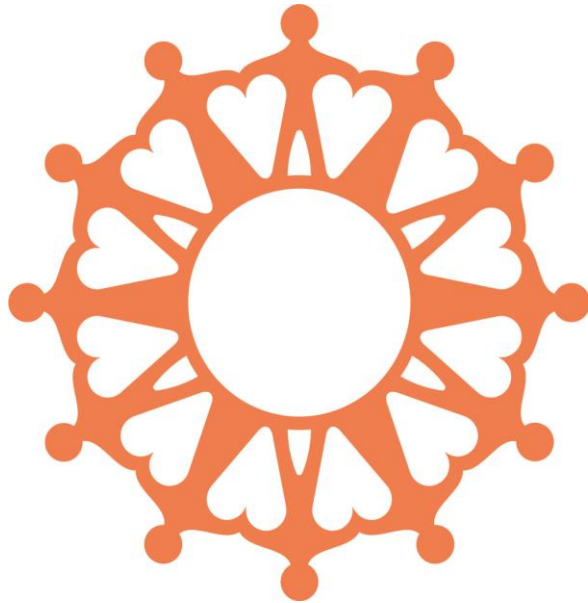
- **Justice for Immigrants Campaign: We are One Family Under God**
(USCCB Migration and Refugee Services)
www.justiceforimmigrants.org



Creating a Culture of Encounter



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**Share the
Journey** ✱
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“Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ ...”

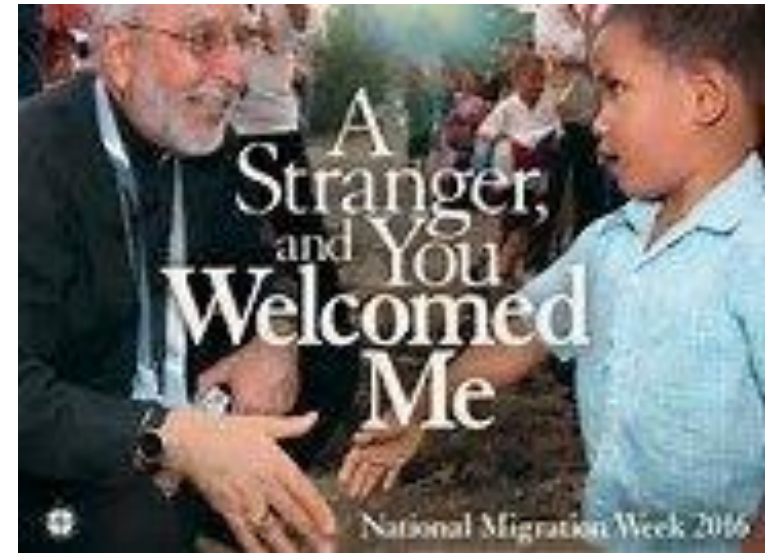
- Pope Francis, 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees Message

Key Upcoming Campaign Moments



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- Advent (December 3-24, 2017)
- National Migration Week (January 7-13, 2018)
- Nine Days for Life (January 18-26, 2018)
- International Day of Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking (February 8, 2018)
- World Refugee Day (June 20, 2018)



Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR)

POWR in a Nutshell

- Match refugee with parishioners & mentors
- Raise refugee awareness
- Empower refugees & increase community integration



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Photo credits: POWR Program in Portland, Oregon (Butterfly Boxes potluck in July, 2017):
<http://ingridmcquivey.squarespace.com/bloggingridmcquivey/2017/8/17/portland-oregon-butterfly-boxes-refugee-potluck-in-july>

Significance of Volunteers

1. **More than 64 million people in the U.S. volunteer today**, and the Corporation for National and Community Service noticed that this number continues to climb.
2. With this in mind, it's time to reflect how well our organizations are utilizing volunteers. **Are we really unlocking all of our opportunities?**



POWR Model #1: Parish Sponsorships

Model implemented @ Catholic Charities in Chicago

In less than seven months, the local POWR program in Chicago established nine parish partnerships and obtained \$52,285 in monetary contributions (averaging \$5,809 per parish). Over the same period, we recruited 124 volunteers, who contributed a total of 5,675 volunteer hours. This amounts to an additional \$143,804 in leveraged support (averaging \$15,978 per parish).

Parish sponsor example @ <http://www.icsjparish.org/refugee-effort/>



POWR Model #2: Tutoring and ESL

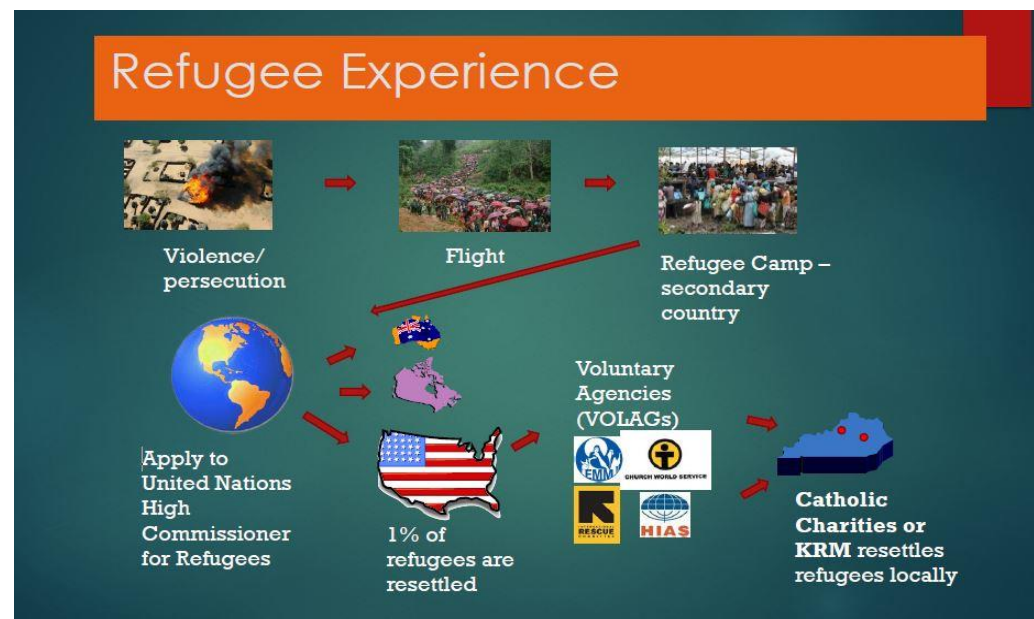


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Model implemented @ Catholic Charities in Louisville

You commit to a weekly two-hour visit with the family. You focus on English practice or cultural competency lessons. You meet with the caseworker first to talk about the family's needs. You meet with the family and interpreter to introduce yourselves. You submit monthly hours to the POWR volunteer manager. You refer any problems to the caseworker.

Online @ <http://tinyurl.com/ybhbj3fd>



POWR Model #3: Family Mentoring



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Implemented @ Catholic Community Services in Anchorage

This POWR program developed a three-part volunteer manual.

Volunteers learn about resettlement to become **Family Mentors**. The second volume describes the duties of the **Warm Meals Committees**, which are in charge of providing warm meals or groceries for newly arrived refugees. The third volume covers the tasks of the **Transportation Committees**, which provide transportation to and from special events and doctor's appointments.

Online @ <http://tinyurl.com/ycxjrzns>



POWR Model #4: Refugee Ambassadors



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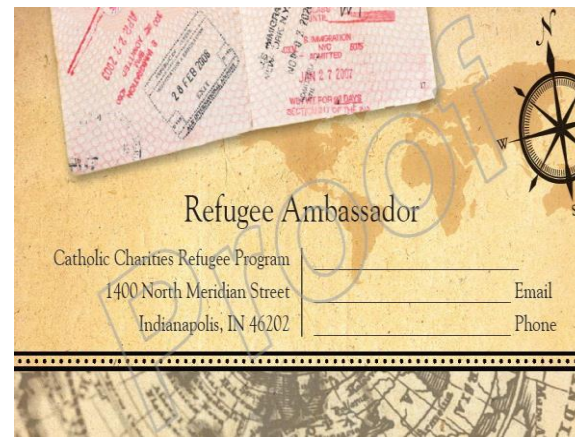
Implemented at Catholic Charities in Indianapolis, Indiana

In Indianapolis, Indiana, a partnership between POWR and Catholic High Schools is another example of POWR's energizing effects. Students serve as Refugee Ambassadors and receive service learning credits.

Program Goals:

- The "Refugee Ambassador Program" provides students with information on refugee resettlement and the rich traditions of each culture. In turn, the students act as liaisons for their high schools and home parishes.
- All generated donations are used to improve integration programs, i.e. language and job readiness training programs.

Online at <http://tinyurl.com/y9hlu5p4>



POWR Model #5: Raising Awareness



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Implemented at Catholic Charities in Jacksonville, Florida

The local POWR developed a set of one-hour lesson plans for grades K-12 to promote students' awareness of violence and human rights abuses. Students are given time to reflect on their own lives as well as the holy family, and the plight of refugees. The goal is that students will learn to appreciate their own blessings, nourish their family lives and share their gifts with our brothers and sisters in need.

This [curriculum](http://tinyurl.com/y85xu4u2) is available on USCCB/My Membership @ <http://tinyurl.com/y85xu4u2>

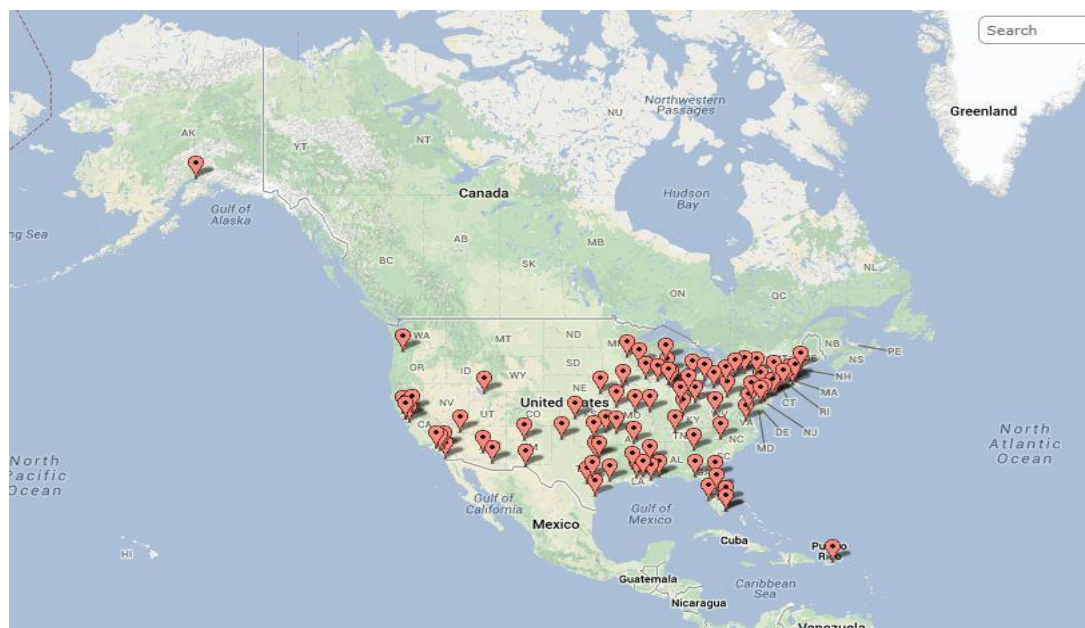


POWR's Positive Impact



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- Recruited **14,500** new volunteers.
- Formed **> 1,065** new **parish/community partnerships**.
- Created **new service and mentorship programs** tackling transportation, housing, jobs, food, language, legal and health care issues.



POWR Program Resources



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[The Parish Refugee Resettlement Ministry \(Manual\)](#)

This manual is intended to serve as a reference guide for diocesan resettlement office efforts to recruit, train, and manage parish involvement in the resettlement of refugees. It also includes resources and information that the diocesan staff can *share* with leaders at the parish level as the parish leaders seek to establish their programs, recruit and train additional parish volunteers, and help the resettlement ministry become an integral part of parish life. As such, programs can very much use a “train-the-trainer” approach with the resources in this manual. *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2017.*

The Parish Refugee Resettlement Ministry Manual is available online, at <http://tinyurl.com/y75k438w>

[The Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees \(POWR\) Program from A to Z](#)

This resource guide covers promising practices, activities and learning materials developed with POWR program support. The USCCB/MRS launched the Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees program to intensify volunteer involvement in resettlement, at the parish level.

“POWR from A to Z,” is available online, at <http://tinyurl.com/ydypucux>

Contact Info



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Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR)

<http://www.usccb.org/about/resettlement-services/parishes-organized-to-welcome-refugees.cfm>

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Immigration and Refugee Services Community of Practice



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Under its **Immigration and Refugee Services strategic priority**, CCUSA strives to develop increased capacity to welcome and successfully integrate immigrants and refugees in the United States, offering them hope and new life opportunities in the process.

The **Immigration and Refugee Services Community of Practice (CoP)** comprises all CCUSA member agency staff and volunteers who work with immigrants and refugees in any way. A variety of resources, webinars, workshops, and advocacy and networking opportunities are made available to the CoP at no cost.



<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/magazines/charities-usa-spring-2017>

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Closing Prayer

LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY

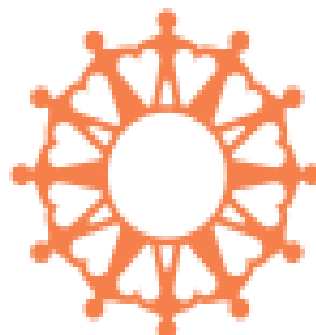
Adonai, Lord and Master,
Many are the journeys your people have taken:
Abraham's journey led from fear to understanding;
Moses' journey led from bondage to liberty;
the disciples' journey led from death to new life.

Even today, your people journey—
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads,
searching for hope,
searching for opportunity,
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey.
Continue to call me beyond my comfort and
into encounter.

And when I meet a companion on the road,
may we find you in each other's embrace.
Let us share the journey.

Amen



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