



**Share the  
Journey** ☀  
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## **Share the Journey campaign**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What is the Share the Journey campaign?**

Share the Journey has at its heart the vision of a united global human family. Our focus is on our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit and host communities. Our public awareness campaign promotes opportunities and spaces for migrants and communities to come together and share stories and experiences with the aim of strengthening the bonds between migrants and communities.

**2. Who is running the campaign?**

Caritas Internationalis runs the campaign. We are a global confederation of 165 national development agencies. We are the charitable arm of the Catholic Church and our confederation works at diocesan, national, regional and international level on issues such as poverty, migration, climate change, hunger, health and emergencies.

**3. How is Pope Francis involved?**

Pope Francis will launch the campaign from Saint Peter's Square on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017. On that day he will invite everyone around the world to "Share the Journey" with refugees and migrants.

**4. Why is Caritas running the campaign?**

Pope Francis has made numerous appeals to promote the culture of encounter in an effort to combat the culture of indifference in the world today. It means seeing through the eyes of others rather than turning a blind eye. *"Not just to see but to look. Not just to hear but to listen. Not just to meet and pass by, but to stop. And don't just say 'what a shame, poor people,' but allow ourselves to be moved by pity."*  
– Pope Francis.

**5. How long does will the campaign run?**

Share the Journey starts on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and runs until September 2019.

**6. Who is involved?**

All Caritas member organisations are invited to promote the campaign at local and national level by organising events and activities. Bishops conferences and faith-based organisations are invited to share our materials with their audiences.

**7. What change are you asking for?**

We want to contribute to the building of stronger communities and more inclusive societies. The campaign promotes “the culture of encounter”. We aim to increase the spaces and opportunities for migrants and communities to come together and learn about each other.

**8. Who can join the campaign?**

Anyone who is interested can join the campaign. We invite in particular people with an experience of migration who can be invited to share their journey, whether they are migrants or communities affected by migration.

**9. Why should I join the campaign?**

If you are passionate about migration and interested in what’s happening in our world, then this is a campaign where you can make a difference at all levels. This is an opportunity to share something of yourself and offer it up in friendship in exchange for friendship and a journey of discovery.

**10. How can I make a difference?**

You can organise an event in your community. You can pray. You can advocate to your government on migration. You can share our materials on social media and take a “reaching out” photo in support of the campaign and share on your social media accounts. You can donate to migration projects through your diocesan or national Caritas.

**11. What resources do you offer to campaign supporters?**

Our campaign action guide will help you mobilise your community, your school or your parish. Other resources which will help you promote the campaign are available here [journey.caritas.org](http://journey.caritas.org)