My dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Leaders,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is seeking professional staff and volunteers for the support of Afghan refugees at Holloman Air Force Base. The program, which begins immediately as our Afghan sisters and brothers are arriving at Holloman, is to provide social services and the promotion of social health for the Afghan children, women and men. Services envisioned include child activities, sports activities, internet cafes, and legal orientation. If you would like to help for a minimum of two weeks, please send an email to William Canny at wcanny@usccb.org or call at 410-340-2290. The need is immediate. Please do what you can to communicate this important request to your parishioners. I am most grateful for whatever you can do in this regard. Thank you for whatever you can do to help in this urgent situation. May God bless you.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe