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Newsletter Editor's Message

National Migration Week takes place the week of January 5-11, 2020. The U.S. Catholic Church stands in solidarity of immigrants and refugees for this observance. The article below from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) provides that organization's perspective on this observance.

WASHINGTON—Globally, there are more than 70 million people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to political instability, violence, and economic hardship. Pope Francis has challenged people to move from a culture of “indifference” to a culture of solidarity, which will help them to embrace the poor and marginalized, and those struggling to find a better life.

For nearly a half-century, National Migration Week has been observed in the United States to highlight the situation of immigrants and refugees and unite in prayer to accompany them. The theme for this year's observance (January 5-11) is “Promoting a Church and a World for All”, and reflects the Church as a welcoming place for all God's children.

“As a founding principle of our country, we have always welcomed immigrant and refugee populations, and through the social services and good works of the Church, we have accompanied our brothers and sisters in integrating to daily American life,” said Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, auxiliary bishop of Washington and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. “National Migration Week is an opportunity for the Church to prayerfully unite and live out the Holy Father's vision to welcome immigrants and refugees into our communities and to provide opportunities that will help them and all people of good will to thrive.”