

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES TO BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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WASHINGTON, D.C.- The Vatican's World Day for Migrants and Refugees will be held this Sunday, September 29, 2019. The theme for this year's celebration is, "It is not just about migrants." Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, noted of the celebration:

"This year's theme for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees is an opportunity to look at the migration issue from the lens of humanity, of caring for and walking with our brothers and sisters. The World Day for Migrants and Refugees reminds us that it is not about where people come from but their unique God-given human dignity." Vásquez noted. "It reflects our call as people of faith to welcome our brothers and sisters, promote their well-being, protect them from cruelty and human indifference, and assist in their integration into our community."

Support for migrants and refugees is particularly vital in this moment as the world is in the midst of the greatest global forced displacement crisis on record. We must continue to embrace love for our neighbor to counter the growing throwaway culture which disregards the human dignity of migrants and refugees."