



The observance of World Refugee Day on June 20 served to raise awareness of the desperate circumstances of millions of our neighbors who have fled life-threatening violence, destruction and poverty around the world. The marking of that day also served to mobilize our abundant resources in caring for these folks in camps, on our border, in detention centers and newly-arrived in our towns.

Really, every day is World Refugee Day! Your Diocesan Refugee Resource Group has created Power Point presentations along with Leader Guides for Parish Adult Ed forums to use as a jumping off platform for our ministry to and with those refugees and immigrants both near and far. The program is available on the Diocesan website at the following address <https://diocesecpa.org/refugeeresourcegroup/>. We are also engaging with Church World Services in Lancaster and Catholic Charities in Harrisburg to enable all of us to help through donations, time and attention.

Families of refugees and asylees are currently arriving in Central Pennsylvania. They come with nothing but hope. Stay attuned via the website and announcements in the Digest and join us in meeting that hope with action as we follow the Way of Love.

-The Rev. Daphne Messersmith