

MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



"Maybe you think that you have a right to refuse a person in need. And that you have the right to protect yourself. Well, we do have the right to self-protection. But refusing the one in need because you want to protect yourself, especially when the other is in desperate need and obvious danger, is not what Christianity is about. It's about the opposite. Its about the helping the stranger, even if it carries some risk. That's the Parable of the good Samaritan in a nutshell"

(Fr. James Martin, SJ America, January 28, 2017)



Three Basic Principals of Catholic Social Teaching

1. People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their family.
2. A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.
3. A country must regulate it boards with justice and mercy.



Murrieta California



MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Programs:

- Refugee Resettlement Services
- Employment services
- English Language Training
- Healthcare Support / Behavioral Health
- Immigration Legal Services (ILS)
- The Ohio Center for Survivors of Torture (OCST)



IMMIGRATION 101

- What is the difference between these terms and when should we use them?
 - Immigrant
 - Migrant
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Seeker
 - Undocumented
 - Illegal Alien
 - Permanent Resident
 - Citizen



IMMIGRATION 101

IMMIGRANT:

- A person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.
- You can use this term for people that have a permission to be in the United States and for people that have entered the United States without permission.
- There are different kinds of visas:
 - Immigrant Visas- for people that plan to stay here permanently (e.g.: I-130 Petitions for Relatives)
 - Non-Immigrant Visas- for people that plan to stay here temporarily (e.g.: visitor visas and some work visas)



IMMIGRATION 101

MIGRANT:

-Someone who leaves their home country freely, by their own choice.

-Generally, any immigrant who is not a refugee or an asylum seeker is a migrant



IMMIGRATION 101

REFUGEE:

- Someone who leaves their home country because they were forced or compelled.
- There is a legal definition of refugee that is used under immigration law.
- The only people who are considered refugees in the United States are people that have been screened by the United States and granted refugee status **BEFORE** they enter the United States.



Then and Now



IMMIGRATION 101

ASYLUM SEEKER/ ASYLEE:

- Asylum seeker = waiting for a decision on their asylum application.
- Asylee = case has been approved.
- Asylees must meet the same legal definition of "refugee." The only difference is when they apply.
- Asylum seekers may wait for several years for a decision on their application.



IMMIGRATION 101

UNDOCUMENTED:

- A person who does not have a visa or other document granting permission to be in the United States. This could mean they entered without inspection or they had a visa that expired but they stayed past the expiration date.

- This is the preferred term for people that do not have status in the United States.



IMMIGRATION 101

ILLEGAL ALIEN:

-Normally, this refers to the same group of people as the term "Undocumented."

-We do not use the term "Illegal Alien" because it has a negative connotation and is considered derogatory.



IMMIGRATION 101

PERMANENT RESIDENT:

- Someone who has permission to reside in the United States permanently, but is not a United States Citizen.
 - Same as "green card" or LPR
- Most immigrants must have another immigration status before they can apply for permanent resident status.
 - Refugees must be in the United States for 1 year before they apply for permanent residency.



2011 Cleveland Community Hero and LPR



IMMIGRATION 101

CITIZEN:

- A person can become a United States Citizen by:
 - Birth in the United States;
 - Birth in another country to US citizen parents;
 - Naturalization (application for citizenship).
- To apply for naturalization, you must first be a permanent resident for a specified number of years:
 - 3 years if you become a permanent resident through marriage;
 - 5 years for all other applicants including refugees.

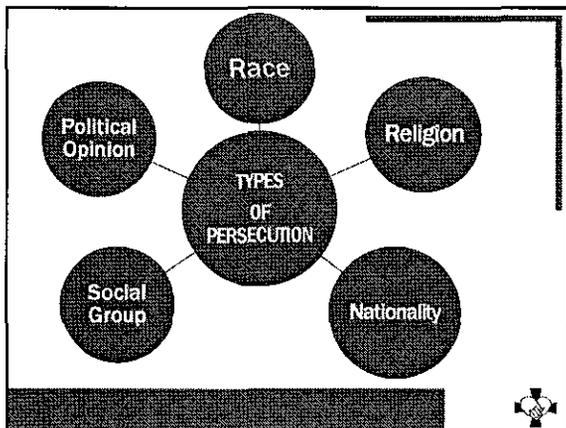




WHAT IS A REFUGEE?

DEFINING "REFUGEES"
Refugees are individuals who have fled their country of origin and who are unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.





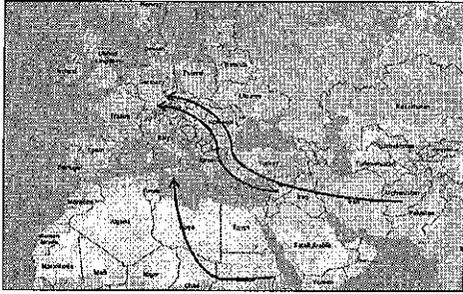
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65.3 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE <i>WORLDWIDE</i> <small>UP FROM 48.6 MILLION</small>	37.5 MILLION INTERALLY DISPLACED PEOPLES <small>UP FROM 32.5 MILLION</small>
21.3 MILLION REFUGEES <small>UP FROM 14.4 MILLION</small>	107,100 Resettled in 2015 worldwide

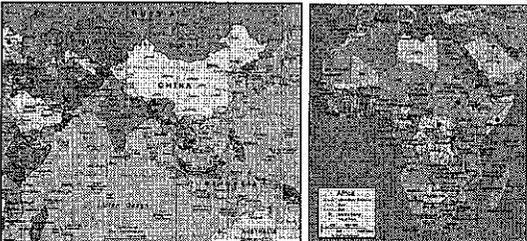
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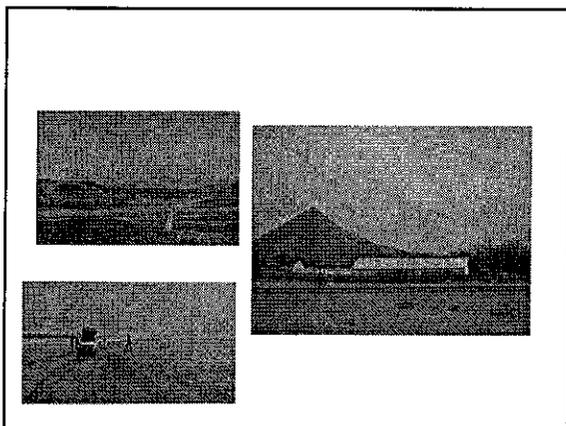


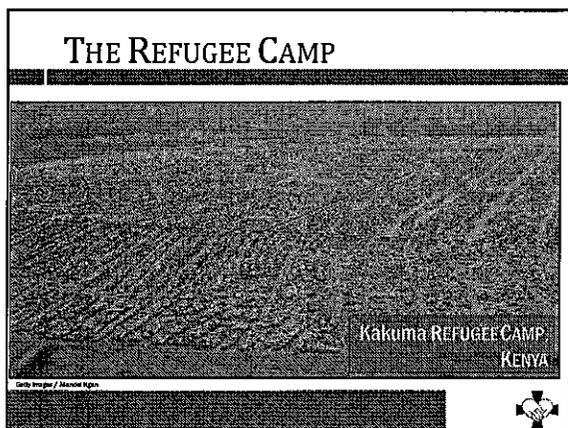
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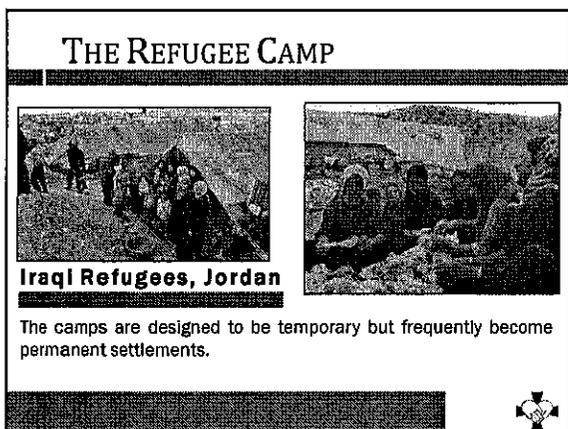


FROM WHERE DO THEY COME?









THE REFUGEE CAMP

The average stay in a refugee camp is 9 years.

Many people have lived and remain in camps for 18+ years.



THREE DURABLE SOLUTIONS

VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION

to one's home country

LOCAL INTEGRATION

within a second country

RESETTLEMENT

to a third country



MYTH

MOST REFUGEES WANT TO BE RESETTLED

FACT

Most refugees want to return home. They want to live in their country in peace and safety. For those who cannot go home, UNHCR works with States, and NGO's to protect them and their families. Resettlement is for refugees who have no other solution.

From UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2011
<http://www.unhcr.org/5006ac508.pdf>



MEET A REFUGEE

Videos by the Refugee Services Collaborative:

1. Just Keep Going

CURRENT EVENTS

- 2014 Enforcement Priorities by President Obama
- 2016 increase in the number of refugees to be resettled by President Obama
- January 25, 2017 Executive Orders by President Trump on boarder security and interior enforcement
- January 27, 2017 Executive Order by President Trump on Refugees and Travelers

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEERING

MRS offers a variety of volunteer opportunities that range from helping set up apartments to working with clients on a more one on one basis.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

MENTORING
Mentoring a refugee or refugee family can potentially have a large impact on a refugees' sense of welcome and place in the United States.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You can send monetary donations to:

Attn: Tom Mrosko
Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services
7800 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

CONTACT YOUR POLITICAL LEADERS
As Catholic Charities, we speak out in support of issues, not candidates.

Ask your political leaders to support all immigrants and refugees.

- federal
- state
- local

Justice For Immigrants Action Alert:
<http://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?

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Border security:

- Asked for funds for border wall
- Increased use of detention for immigrants
- 5,000 more border patrol agents
- Encourages local law enforcement to enforce federal law (not within their jurisdiction nor do they have the money to do this- also deteriorates trust with local police and harms community policing)
- Expansion of Expedited removal- can be deported without seeing a judge

Interior Enforcement:

- Expands enforcement priorities-
 - Almost all undocumented now a priority
 - Anything that could constitute a crime (even if not charged or convicted)
- Penalizes sanctuary cities

Refugees and Travelers:

- 90 day ban on all entrants from 7 countries (Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, Yemen)
- Suspends processing of and revokes immigrant and non-immigrant visas
- 120 suspension of refugee resettlement and indefinite for Syrians
- Reduces number of refugees for 2017 from 110,000 to 50,000
- Asks for additional screenings