

Be Unafraid Photo Tour: Fact Sheet



WHAT:

Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has partnered with award-winning photographer Jeremy Cowart to launch “Be Unafraid,” a campaign that addresses one of the main barriers to the acceptance of refugees: fear. The campaign is aimed at sparking critical conversations in our communities between immigrants, refugees and Americans.

The traveling photo exhibit will be visiting three cities – Chicago, Nashville, and Philadelphia – and will include a virtual reality walkthrough of a refugee camp and a pop up coffee shop providing guests a chance to talk with refugees and share their fears.

WHEN/WHERE:

Chicago: October 21
Pioneer Court
401 N Michigan
Chicago, IL 60611

Nashville: October 27
Pinewood Social
33 Peabody Street
Nashville, TN 37210

Philadelphia: November 3
Franklin Square
200 N 6th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

BACKGROUND: The “Be Unafraid” traveling photo exhibit features portraits and stories – on the side of a box truck – that show the reactions of Americans and refugees during two days of discussing their fears and hopes for the future. Jeremy Cowart, who photographed the participants over two days in Nashville, TN, was named the “Most Influential Photographer on the Internet” by Huffington Post, Forbes, and Yahoo in 2014.

The “Be Unafraid” exhibit is part of the global [*Share the Journey*](#) campaign, which Pope Francis launched in September 2017 as a way to draw attention to the plight of migrants and refugees around the world and encourage people to “welcome the stranger.” The U.S. portion of the campaign is supported by Catholic Relief Services, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Catholic Charities USA.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.