Pope Francis is launching a global campaign in support of immigrants and refugees on Sept. 27, 2017. On that day, the Holy Father will offer a symbolic gesture of “reaching out” to immigrants and refugees in St. Peter’s Square, inviting others to join him.

This will be the official start to the Share the Journey global migration campaign, sponsored internationally by Caritas Internationalis and in the U.S. by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)/Migrant and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). We hope that every parish and school in your diocese will be inspired to show love for refugee and immigrant neighbors around the world and here at home.

To do this, we ask that you prayerfully discern how you can participate in the campaign. As you reflect on how your community can love your neighbor by being a part of the Share the Journey campaign, please consider taking a public action and working with your Communications Director to generate news coverage. Click here to view some examples of ways to generate news coverage and read the complete article.

CRS Global Emergency Update

This global emergency update provides the latest snapshot of CRS ongoing emergency response and recovery activities around the world.

Our work is possible thanks to the generous support of private and public donors, the dedication of local partners, and the unwavering presence of Caritas and the local Catholic Church.

Nunay Abdi, worries about her children as she waits in a camp for displaced Somalis.
Missionary Discipleship Gathering

The CRS Southeast Regional Office had the pleasure of hosting the CRS Southeast Regional Gathering in Atlanta on August 22-24. We enjoyed outstanding participation from 14 Southeast dioceses and 7 states, as well as the Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI). The Gathering focused on deepening our understanding of “Missionary Discipleship: Local Action for a Global Impact.”

CRS is so thankful to have dedicated leaders (those that could attend and those that were not able to attend), who generously offer their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family.

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CRS Southeast Region News

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CRS Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Region News

Bishop Christopher Coyne invites you to the Catholic Church of Vermont’s “Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation” conference on September 30th at Saint Michael’s College in Colchester, VT. The main event of the Diocese of Burlington’s Year of Creation, “Action for Ecological Justice” will explore, reflect upon and respond to the message of Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home.

With perspectives from scientists, activists, politicians, economists, professionals, academics, and people of various faiths, the day promises dynamic conversation about the state of creation and how we can work together for a sustainable future.

A keynote address by Dr. Carolyn Woo, former CEO and president of Catholic Relief Services, will be followed by breakout sessions on such topics as: economics and Catholic Social Teaching; Eco-spirituality; Laudato Si’; Consuming Ethically; Organizing for Mission; The Issue of Water; and Sustainable Food and Farming.

Registration and more info: http://vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice
In its work to strengthen partnership and capacity building efforts, foundational components of its programming overseas, CRS held a six-day energetic intense learning workshop for an experienced group of its staff from over 40 countries. The Perfecting Partnership 2017 conference was hosted at Villanova University in Pennsylvania and allowed participants to share best practices from the field, reflecting the conference mantra, “Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much. This is the true meaning of partnership.” Read about the conference and more in the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps August Newsletter in both English and Spanish.

Parish Ambassador Lois Heist speaks with CRS staff Edouard Nonguierma. Photo courtesy of Molly Seaman

Sr. Pauline Acayo (CRS Uganda), Nur-Elhuda Abbas (CRS Sudan) and Mary Bell (PAC). Photo courtesy of Molly Seaman

CRS Parish Ambassador Corps/Ministros de la Solidaridad (PAC) is a network of parish leaders who animate global solidarity ministries in their parish communities.

USE YOUR VOICE TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis has called human trafficking “a crime against humanity.” Tell Congress to put an end to this modern day slavery.

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It’s that time of year for parishes and schools to update their order for free CRS Rice Bowl Lenten faith formation resources for 2018.

Check out the newly updated Planning Timeline to map out your diocesan implementation program and much more in the September/October 2017 CRS Rice Bowl Newsletter.
You Did It for Me is an exciting joint venture between Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services that are brief good news stories of the Church in action across America and around the world. A new feature is available! A “how to” e-brochure answers questions and offers suggestions on how to use the stories is available on CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me. It easily explains the download features with step-by-step directions for church bulletins, websites, newsletters, even for Facebook and Twitter. Please visit CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me for the e-brochure and a sign-up form if you’re not already receiving these wonderful stories. Share with all!! If you have questions, send them to bulletinstories@crs.org.

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