

ACTION ALERT

Office of Peace, Justice and Ecological Integrity
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

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ISSUE: Support Welcoming Refugees

Starting June 12th, during the week leading up to World Refugee Day (June 20), tell your Member of Congress that their constituents stand with refugees. Today, more than 65 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes and 34,000 additional people are displaced daily. The United States must continue to be a world leader in welcoming and protecting those most in need. We join with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services in their hope to make 100,000 calls to Congress during the week leading up to World Refugee Day. The Sisters of Charity collaborate with LIRS through our involvement with RAMP (Refugee Assistance Morris Partners) which has settled two refugee families in Morris County. A number of our sisters and associates are involved with RAMP.

ACTION: Call your Senators and Representatives: Dial 1-844-4STAND5 (1-844-477-3255) to be connected directly to your Member of Congress.

Use this as a sample message to give during your call:

I am a Sister of Charity/Seton Associate and your constituent from [City, State]. In honor of World Refugee Day, I am calling in support of welcoming refugees to the United States. I urge Congress to demonstrate strong bi-partisan support for refugees and welcome at least 75,000 new refugees to the U.S. next year as well as provide adequate funding levels to assist refugees in the U.S. and worldwide.

PRAYER:

Prayer for Refugees

For all those who see "home" and all it means disappear behind them as they flee;

For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them;

For all those who dwell in daily insecurity in tents and camps;

For all those who are weary and without hope for the days ahead;

For all members of refugee families we pray.

May the image of the Holy Family fleeing oppression stay with us

as we pray for your displaced children during the day

and stay with us each night as we are blessed with returning to a home.

May we also be blessed with compassion for those still weary, still uprooted,

still looking far from home.
Amen.
(Source: Education for Justice)