World Day of Migrants and Refugees — A Message from Pope Francis

Each individual is a part of humanity and, with the entire family of peoples, shares the hope of a better future. This consideration inspired the theme I have chosen for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this year: Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World.

While it is true that migrations often reveal failures and shortcomings on the part of States and the international community, they also point to the aspiration of humanity to enjoy a unity marked by respect for differences, by attitudes of acceptance and by the protection and the advancement of the dignity and centrality of each human being.

What is involved in the creation of “a better world”? The expression aims at an authentic and integral development, at efforts to provide dignified living conditions for everyone, at finding just responses to the needs of individuals and families, and at ensuring that God’s gift of creation is respected, safeguarded and cultivated. The Venerable Paul VI described the aspirations of people today in this way: “to secure a sure food supply, cures for diseases and steady employment… to exercise greater personal responsibility; to do more, to learn more, and have more, in order to be more” (Populorum Progressio, 6).

Our hearts do desire something “more”. Beyond greater knowledge or possessions, they want to “be” more. A better world will come about only if attention is first paid to individuals, including the poor, the sick, prisoners, the needy and the stranger (cf. Matthew 25:31-46); if we can prove capable of leaving behind a throwaway culture and embracing one of encounter and acceptance.

Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more. Contemporary movements of migration represent the largest movement of individuals, if not of peoples, in history. As the Church accompanies migrants and refugees on their journey, she seeks to understand the causes of migration, but she also works to overcome its negative effects, and to maximize its positive influence on the communities of origin, transit and destination.

Fleeing from situations of extreme poverty or persecution in the hope of a better future, or simply to save their own lives, millions of persons choose to migrate. Despite their hopes and expectations, they often encounter mistrust, rejection and exclusion, to say nothing of tragedies and disasters which offend their human dignity.

Working together for a better world requires that countries help one another, in a spirit of willingness and trust, without raising insurmountable barriers. Finally, in considering the situation of migrants and refugees, I would point to yet another element in building a better world, namely, the elimination of prejudices and presuppositions in the approach to migration. Not infrequently, the arrival of migrants, displaced persons, asylum-seekers and refugees gives rise to suspicion and hostility. There is a fear that society will become less secure, that identity and culture will be lost, that competition for jobs will become stiffer and even that criminal activity will increase. The communications media have a role of great responsibility in this regard: it is up to them, in fact, to break down stereotypes and to offer correct information in reporting the errors of a few as well as the honesty, rectitude and goodness of the majority. A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world.

I think of how even the Holy Family of Nazareth experienced initial rejection: Mary “gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7). Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew what it meant to leave their own country and become migrants: threatened by Herod’s lust for power, they were forced to take flight and seek refuge in Egypt (cf. Matthew 2:13-14). But the maternal heart of Mary and the compassionate heart of Joseph, the Protector of the Holy Family, never doubted that God would always be with them.

The Church, responding to Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations”, is called to be the People of God which embraces all peoples and brings to them the proclamation of the Gospel, for the face of each person bears the mark of the face of Christ!

Pope Francis, Excerpt from Message for the 100th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, August 5, 2013
THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**THIS WEEKEND: SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Catholic Communication Campaign and The Catholic University of America. Visit our website to read a message from Cardinal Dolan about this upcoming collection.

Ignatian Young Adults Knitting Group.
7:30 PM. Conference Room. Details on page 3.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th**
Potluck Wine, Cheese & ‘80s Music Social.
6:30 PM. Wallace Hall. Details at right.

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**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**BLOOD DRIVE**
Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Sunday, January 12th**
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
McKinnon Hall

The New York Blood Center requires 2,000 donations daily to meet the transfusion needs of our community.

To register:
Telephone – (800) 933-2566 (Group Code 06239)
Walk-ins are also welcome.

Scan the QR code at right from your smartphone to be directed to the registration page.

**Shelter Volunteers Needed**
**NEXT SHELTER WEEKEND:**
Friday, January 17th to Sunday, January 19th
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Women’s Shelter needs set-up and stay-over volunteers every other weekend through April.

To volunteer, please leave a message for Teresa Abruzzo at the Parish House or e-mail svdp.shelter980@gmail.com

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH**

We look forward to welcoming Cardinal Dolan to the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Cardinal will be celebrating the 7:30 PM Mass and attending the Ignatian Young Adults Social. All are welcome!

**IGNATIAN 40s**

We are the St. Ignatius Loyola ministry for parishioners in their 40s (those in their late 30s and early 50s are also welcome). We organize spiritual, service and social activities, and events that support a deeper understanding of our faith as well as building community and a deeper connection with one another.

**Please join us for our upcoming events:**
- Friday, Jan. 10th – Potluck Wine, Cheese & ‘80s Music Social
- Friday, Jan. 24th to Sunday, Jan. 26th – Retreat at Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall, NY

To join our mailing list and learn more about our upcoming events, please email Ignatian40s@gmail.com

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**LAY MINISTERS’ ENRICHMENT**

**Sunday, January 26th, Wallace Hall**
Presented by Rev. Gregory C. Chisholm, S.J.
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Church

Lay Ministers at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola are invited to attend.

Registration details to follow in an upcoming Bulletin.

**MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th**
Baptism of the Lord

11:00 AM SOLEMN MASS
Blair            Intermezzo
Philips          Ave Jesu Christe
Walter           Verbum caro factum est
J.S. Bach        Prelude in C Major, BWV 547/1

7:30 PM MASS
Boëllmann       Prière à Notre-Dame
Reuter, arr.     Shall We Gather at the River
Guilmant        Paraphrase on a theme from Handel
The Sunday Socials are held in Wallace Hall at 8:30 PM, following the 7:30 PM Mass. They are hosted by the Ignatian Young Adults. All young adults (ages 21-39) are welcome. To receive updates on IYA events and other opportunities, you can follow us on Facebook at “Ignatian Young Adults (NYC).”

* Special Social to be attended by Cardinal Dolan.

Feeding Our Neighbors: Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola will be participating in the food drive scheduled from Sunday, January 26th through Sunday, February 2nd.

Donations will go to the Community Pantry at the Church of St. Gregory the Great on West 90th Street. Please bring non-perishable foods to the Parish House.

While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are especially welcome:

- 100% fruit juices
- beans (canned or dry)
- canned fish (salmon, sardines, or tuna)
- canned fruits
- canned meat (chicken, beef, or ham)
- canned stews (chicken or beef)
- canned vegetables
- coffee/tea
- couscous
- dried fruits
- dry cereal and hot cereal (farina, grits, or oatmeal)
- dry milk packets
- flour/cornmeal/baking mixes
- nutritional beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)
- nuts
- pasta/noodles
- peanut butter
- rice
- shelf-stable milk
- soy/almond/rice milk
- spices
- vegetable soups
- whole wheat crackers

Every item counts! Thank you for your generosity.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

**Monday, January 6th** (Monday after Epiphany)
1 John 3:22–4:6  Psalm 2  Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25
8:30  MEM  Martin J. O’Brien
12:10 MEM  Eugene Miller
5:30 MEM  Dolores O’Neill Ventura

**Tuesday, January 7th** (Tuesday after Epiphany)
1 John 4:7–10  Psalm 72  Mark 6:34–44
8:30 MEM  Caroline Choix
12:10 MEM  Walter Gardner
5:30 MEM  Maureen V. Hanley

**Wednesday, January 8th** (Wednesday after Epiphany)
1 John 4:11–18  Psalm 72  Mark 6:45–52
8:30 MEM  The Choix & Gordon Families
12:10 MEM  George McKenna
5:30 MEM  Daniel F. Kelly

**Thursday, January 9th** (Thursday after Epiphany)
1 John 5:5–13  Psalm 147  Luke 5:12–16
8:30 MEM  Helen Elizabeth Brinster
12:10 MEM  Betty Filacchione
5:30 ANN  Dr. Stratford Wallace

**Friday, January 10th** (Friday after Epiphany)
8:30 MEM  Giro & Elina Zullo
12:10 MEM  Betty Filacchione
5:30 ANN  Dr. Stratford Wallace

**Saturday, January 11th** (Saturday after Epiphany)
1 John 5:14–21  Psalm 147  Luke 5:12–16
8:30 MEM  Helen Elizabeth Brinster
12:10 MEM  Valentino Mazzia
5:30 MEM  Deceased Members of the Scanlon & McLoughlin Families

**Sunday, January 12th** (Baptism of the Lord)
Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7  Psalm 29
New York Encounter: The Time of the Person. The Origins of a People. Friday, January 17th – Sunday, January 19th, 2014. Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street at 8th Avenue. A three-day cultural festival that will explore the intersection of faith and the public sphere of life through presentations, artistic performances, conferences, and exhibits. All events are open to the public, most events are free. For more information, visit newyorkencounter.org or call (646) 571-2341.

Men’s Weekend Retreat, Thursday, January 23rd – Sunday, January 26th, 2014. Loyola House of Retreats, Morristown, NJ. Directed by Fr. Thomas R. Marciniak, S.J., Fordham University. The retreat will begin Thursday night following 7:00 PM dinner. Cost: $400 free will offering. To RSVP, call 973-539-0740 and reference the group name “St. Ignatius New York – Men’s.” For additional information, contact Peter Riordan at 212-877-5134 or visit loyola.org

Gregorian University for a Day, Saturday, February 1st, 2014. Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Now you can get a feel of what happens in our classrooms in Rome right here in Manhattan. Instructors: Rev. George Coyne, S.J., Le Moyne College; Rev. Norman Tanner, S.J., Gregorian University; Dr. Pauline A. Viviano, Loyola University of Chicago; Professor Donna Orsuto, Gregorian University. Suggested donation: $200/person, $300/couple. Reservations are limited. For more information or to register for the Gregorian University for a Day, visit the-gregorian.com

Pilgrimage to Rome with the Archdiocese of New York for the Canonization of Blessed John Paul II and Blessed John XXIII. Friday, January 17th – Sunday, January 20th, 2014. Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street at 8th Avenue. A three-day cultural festival that will explore the intersection of faith and the public sphere of life through presentations, artistic performances, conferences, and exhibits. All events are open to the public, most events are free. For more information, visit newyorkencounter.org or call (646) 571-2341.

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