

**Refugee Welcome Cards Project:  
Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and At-Home Family activities**

*Time Required: 60-75 minutes*

*Materials:*

- *Copy of age-appropriate activity and all materials listed in the activity description*
- *Copies of blank Refugee Welcome Card template for each participant, or construction paper for participants to make their own cards*
- *Markers and/or other art supplies*
- *Large envelope for collecting completed cards*
  
- Lead the age-appropriate educational activity from Catholic Relief Services included in this packet. Each activity describes materials and set-up required:
  - **Elementary:** Elementary Prayer Pilgrimage on the Refugee Crisis
    - [http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/elementary\\_prayer\\_pilgrimage\\_on\\_the\\_refugee\\_crisis\\_2.pdf](http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/elementary_prayer_pilgrimage_on_the_refugee_crisis_2.pdf)
  - **Middle School/High School:** Simulation on the Refugee Crisis
    - [http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/simulation\\_on\\_the\\_refugee\\_crisis.pdf](http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/simulation_on_the_refugee_crisis.pdf)
  - **Families:** Family Prayer Activity for Syrian Refugee Children
    - [http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/family\\_prayer\\_activity\\_for\\_syrian\\_refugee\\_children.pdf](http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/family_prayer_activity_for_syrian_refugee_children.pdf)
  
- After having completed educational activity, introduce the Refugee Welcome Cards project
  - Here in South Jersey, our own Catholic Charities organization welcomes about 100 refugees each year, from countries around the world like Cuba, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Myanmar.
  - To show our new neighbors that they are welcome here in our community, we are going to make special welcome cards for them.
  - Write and draw positive, welcoming messages on the cards. You might want to say something like:
    - Welcome to New Jersey / South Jersey / the USA!
    - I'm glad you're here in our community.
    - We are praying for you.
    - Peace be with you.
  
- Collect the completed cards, read after the event to make sure messages are positive and welcoming, and add to parish's package or send in to:

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