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Resources to help mark World Refugee Day 2025

Parishes, schools and agencies are being encouraged to mark World Refugee Day on June 20.

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace (OJEP) have developed a comprehensive suite of resources to assist in praying for refugees, raising awareness, and advocating for their rights and wellbeing.

World Refugee Day is a global event dedicated to honouring the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees worldwide.

The Church is encouraging all people to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse, chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry and the Bishop delegate for ACMRO, said: "I encourage our parishes, schools, and various church agencies to continue praying, raising awareness and open their doors during this Jubilee Year of Hope to refugees fleeing persecution, war, and hunger, and traveling with hope for a better life."

Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace director Peter Arndt said: "Our ongoing encounters with refugees in the community underline how much need there is and how important it is for us to support them and be with them."

The key resources available include liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, and prayers of intercession.

"We believe that church communities' ministry and advocacy are crucial in building a more inclusive and supportive society for refugees," said Fr Khalid Marogi, the national director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

For more information and to access the World Refugee Day 2025 resources, please visit www.acmro.catholic.org.au/wrd.