

## What does Pope Francis say about migrants & refugees?



'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.

They share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all, for being more.'

(Pope Francis - Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World, 2014)

## What is the West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO)?

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, WACMRO, is an agency of the Archdiocese of Perth.

WACMRO has been mandated by the Archbishop of Perth to support parishes in further living the Gospel (Mt 5: 1-12) by welcoming the migrant and refugee person (Mt 25:35).

*Welcoming* is important because in, with and through welcoming, a community discovers the dignity of the human person, experiences the harmony of solidarity and receives life in full (Jn 10:10).

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# WACMRO

## West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

*Welcoming*  
migrants + refugees  
in the parish and community

## What is the WACMRO mission?

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office seeks to promote the acceptance and settlement of vulnerable migrants and those who have sought refuge as humanitarian entrants into Australia.

## What does this mean?

This means that WACMRO can support the mission of the parish to further live the Gospel by welcoming the migrant and refugee person.



## WACMRO can help...

- ✓ if a **person** needs referring to settlement of welfare services
- ✓ if a parish **volunteer** wants cross-cultural training
- ✓ if a **migrant community** or **chaplain** needs assistance or support
- ✓ if a **Catholic School** wants to further welcome migrant and refugee families
- ✓ if a **parish** would like to be of assistance to a migrant, refugee or asylum seeker family or person living nearby or if a parish would like to become a *Welcoming Parish*\*
- ✓ if a **parish** would like talks or workshops on:
  - **Migration Theology**  
why migration is part of who God is
  - **Faith & Culture**  
why faith and culture are connected
  - **Forced Migration**  
persons seeking refuge or asylum: myths and facts
  - **Catholic Social Teaching**  
what the Church teaches about migration

\* A *Welcoming Parish* is a parish which has created an intentional space in its pastoral planning for inclusion of persons from vulnerable and marginalized minority groups



### Please note:

- WACMRO cannot give visa advice, sponsor, pay for or grant visas for residence in Australia
- WACMRO does not provide employment, accommodation or transportation but can refer persons to the relevant support services