



# “Just Us”

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## Let Us Share the Journey, A Prayer for the Global Migration Campaign

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Adonai, Lord and Master,  
Many are the journeys your people have taken:  
Abraham's journey led from fear to understanding;  
Moses' journey led from bondage to liberty;  
the disciples' journey led from death to new life.

Even today, your people journey—  
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads,  
searching for hope,  
searching for opportunity,  
searching for peace,  
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey.  
Yet too many times, I have heard your call,  
and my feet have remained unmoved.

Continue to call me beyond my comfort  
and into encounter.

And when I meet a companion on the road,  
may we find you in each other's embrace.  
Let us share the journey.

Amen

**October 7-13 is a Week of Prayer and Action on behalf of refugees and immigrants.** President Trump's recent decision to limit the number of refugees coming to the US to about 45,000 is disheartening, considering the no. of displaced persons worldwide. Refugee resettlement agencies are prepared to accept 75,000 this year. Please contact your Congress-persons and encourage them to press for more.

**Where Should Donations be Sent for Victims of the Hurricanes ?** Donation sites for victims of Hurricane Harvey were posted soon after the hurricane.

- Catholic Charities USA is providing relief for Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims. They will also assist US territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands which were hit by Hurricane Maria. Catholic Charities USA has sent \$1 million in emergency aid to Caritas Puerto Rico, which is the Catholic Charities agency on the island. The money, which was given by thousands of donors across the United States territories, will assist Caritas Puerto Rico as it begins the work of recovery following the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

Donations to CCUSA's Disaster Relief fund will be used to assist families and individuals with shelter, food, and other emergency supplies. The agency will be working with long term recovery efforts. <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CCUSADISASTER>

**To designate your donation to a specific effort, please donate by calling 1-800-919-9338 or by mailing a check (with your designation in the memo line) to Catholic Charities USA at PO Box 17066 Baltimore, MD 21297-1066.**

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) works with Caritas International.** CRS is providing relief to other Caribbean Islands, and Haiti. It is also providing relief to victims of the earthquake in Mexico. See <https://www.crs.org/media-center/news-release/hurricane-irma-hurricane-maria>;

**To donate to the earthquake in Mexico:**  
<https://support.crs.org/donate/mexico-earthquake>

To mail a donation or for more information:  
Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St.,  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-3443  
Phone: 877-435-7277 [info@crs.org](mailto:info@crs.org)

## Human Trafficking Victims here in Rochester Need Personal Care Items!

Rochester Coalition For Human Trafficking (rrcaht) is seeking donations for women who are survivors of trafficking. Women who have been picked up for prostitution related charges but have been identified as trafficking victims are enrolled in the Rochester City Human Trafficking Intervention Court and attend the New Directions Group at Monroe County Pre-Trial Services.

They enter jail with no personal care items. When they are released most of their personal possessions are gone. As part of the court program these women must participate in a pre-trial program in order to have the charges removed. RRCAHT tries to provide personal care packs which are deeply appreciated.

Donations of personal care items: toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, chap stick, tampons & pads, band aids, soap, wet wipes, and hand & body lotion are needed. Other items that would be very useful for them are small wallets, pocket size calendars, journals, flash lights/batteries, can openers, pens/pencils, women's gloves, hats, and scarves, socks, and new underwear of various sizes with a majority of them wearing sizes 5-8, and new sports bras.

Donations of packaged snacks & food items would also be very helpful! Lunchables would be a plus to hand out at the New Directions Group. Many of the women attend who haven't eaten for a day or more. Additional requests: diapers, baby wipes, blankets, sweatshirts w/hood, winter coats, and thermal under-wear.

**If you have any questions and/or interested in donating please contact Cheryl Gee @ 585-325-3050 Ext. 2004 at Worker Justice Center of NY.**

**\*\* Donations can also be dropped at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse if they are labeled for RRCAHT and have Attention, Justice & Peace Office or Sr. Phyllis. We will get them to the Worker Justice Office.**

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## Coming Events

**Tuesday, October 3, Prayer for Our Times, SSJ Motherhouse, 150 French Rd, 7 pm. Open to all!**

**Wednesday, October 4. Greater Rochester Community of Churches Retreat, 9-11:00 am, "Blessing the World with the Ties that Unite Us: Resources to Find our Footing in Challenging Times,"** First Baptist, 175 Allens Creek Rd, Rochester. Reservations: 585-254-2570

**Wednesday, October 4, Rochester Committee on Latin America (ROCLA):** "Who Speaks for Nature? Indigenous Environmentalists against Extraction in Ecuador" presented by Karleen West, 7 pm, Downtown United Presbyterian Church 121 North Fitzhugh Street

**Thursday, Oct. 5, 6 pm** Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, *From Galileo to Laudato Si', Why Science Needs Faith*, sponsored by the Catholic Courier, Strasenburgh Planetarium, 657 East Ave., Rochester. **Free Lecture, public welcome.**

**Thursday, October 12, 2017—Shannon Lecture, Nazareth College, Shults Center 7 pm:** Lisa Fullam: *Practicing Doubt in the Pursuit of Truth*. "We are called to love ourselves and others as incarnate persons, not just bodies, not just souls."

**Thursday, October 12, 2017 Fresh Wind In Our Sails, SSJ Motherhouse, 7 pm:** "In Respectful Dialogue, A Talk Between a Palestinian Muslim and an Israeli Jew. How much do we know about the conflicting vision and claims of Palestinians and Israelis? Ayala Emmet, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, U of R and Mahmoud Altalouli, doctoral student, U of R. Co-sponsored by Christians witnessing for Palestine. See Fresh Wind In Our Sails brochure for details.