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**Date:** September 13, 2021

**To:** Clergy, school principals and staff, parish communicators, social action ministers

**From:** Kat Doyle, director of Justice and Peace Ministries; Office of Life, Dignity and Justice

**Re:** National Migration Week – September 20-26

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National Migration Week will take place September 20-26, culminating in the Vatican's World Day for Migrants and Refugees.

The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'WE'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that this focus calls on us to ensure that "after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (*Fratelli tutti*, no. 35). This universal "us" must become a reality first of all within the church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity.

Justice for Immigrants has resources and a toolkit available to assist you in observing this week in your parish or school. [Click here to download.](#)

Please also consider encouraging your communities to donate to Catholic Charities Atlanta, which handles refugee resettlement in Georgia, and/or Catholic Relief Services, which serves refugees across the globe and promotes advocacy for aid that supports migrants and refugees.

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