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**Date:** September 25, 2017

**To:** Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Ministry Leaders, Parish and School Staff

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

**Re:** **“Share the Journey”** Migration Campaign

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“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Now, Pope Francis is calling us to share a journey with our neighbors – all our neighbors, not only those who live near us, look like us, speak like us or pray like us.

Our neighbors include many of the world’s most vulnerable people - migrants and refugees fleeing war, poverty and persecution; people who seek only basic needs and a path forward. Just like us, they are children of God, deserving of dignity and love. We as a church are answering the Pope’s call to encounter and walk with these migrants and refugees in support and solidarity.

On Wednesday September 27, 2017, Pope Francis will launch a two year global campaign called **“Share the Journey.”** Here in the United States, Roman Catholic bishops will kick off the campaign with a “Week of Prayer and Action” from October 7-15, 2017. To support this two year campaign as well as the week of prayer and action, a website was created to provide downloadable resources for parishes and schools, including ideas for communication and action. More information is available at <https://sharejourney.org>.

Locally, leaders of faith communities from around the north Georgia area and their congregations will join Archbishop Wilton Gregory and the Catholic faithful for an interfaith community prayer gathering in Clarkston, GA at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday October 11, 2017.

Please consider sharing information from the “Share the Journey” in your bulletin, newsletter, website and social media. For more information, please email [kdoyle@archatl.com](mailto:kdoyle@archatl.com).