



## *Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church*

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: All Bishops

FROM: Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson, Bishop of Yakima and Chairman, Subcommittee on the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers, Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, USCCB  
RE: **Creating your Diocesan Profile on the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers**

DATE: April 4, 2019

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Dear Brother Bishops:

I am glad to announce to you that the USCCB's Subcommittee on the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers is producing the first comprehensive diocesan profiles on the pastoral care of migrants, refugees and people on the move. Your diocesan profiles will offer you a practical and comprehensive report customized with information pertaining to your dioceses' territory. These diocesan profiles will be the fruit of a study that our Subcommittee has launched in collaboration with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

Our pastoral concern stems from the Church's realization that migrants have a lifestyle that often causes them to be inadequately catered for by the ordinary pastoral ministries of the parish or be entirely deprived of them (*Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* 2004). Our Subcommittee study focuses on supporting ministries to marginalized populations such as victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors, migrant farmworkers, long-haul truck drivers, seafarers, aviation communities, ethnic communities, and traveling show people from the circus, carnivals, race tracks, rodeos, and other people on the move.

Our study has three phases. The first phase conducts a demographic analysis of these populations within your diocesan territory [based on existing data available from the U.S. Census and other sources]. The second phase called the "Catholic Worship Site Inventory", surveys parishes, missions, campus ministries and all other Catholic worship sites within your territory with questions related to the presence and ministry with migrants, refugees and people on the move. The third phase entails surveying your dioceses with questions about diocesan level programs and ministries to these same communities. Both surveys are short two-page questionnaires that can be completed in 15 minutes or less, but your diocesan profiles will be a resource that you can use for years!

This memo is to request your assistance in ensuring we receive the highest rate of response possible in your diocese. This will allow us to provide you with the most representative and helpful information to support your ministries with migrants, refugees and people on the move. To facilitate this, please assign:

1. A diocesan staff that can help you encourage the Catholic worship sites in your diocese to respond to their survey (Second Phase of the Study): <https://cara.georgetown.edu/cwsi/>
2. A diocesan staff that has access to information regarding the pastoral care of migrants, refugees and travelers, so that he or she can fill out the survey for your diocese (Third Phase of the Study): <https://cara.georgetown.edu/dwsi/>

Both surveys (Catholic Worship Sites & Dioceses) are being conducted simultaneously. Please assist us in having the surveys completed by April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Enclosures:

- Survey to be completed by all Catholic Worship Sites in the diocese
- Survey to be completed by the Diocese



## Catholic Worship Site Inventory

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) works with other national Catholic organizations and dioceses to maintain a database of Catholic worship sites in the United States, from cathedrals to chapels. This questionnaire is part of a national study by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, to strengthen cultural ministries as well as the pastoral care of itinerant people in the U.S. Please take just a few minutes to complete all questions we have for the worship site named below.

From the email invitation you received provide your ID: \_\_\_\_\_ and Password: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you do not know your ID and password please contact Mark Gray, [mmg34@georgetown.edu](mailto:mmg34@georgetown.edu)

Parish/Site name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/site email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

The above address is a  Parish, a  Mission, or  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If not a parish, please enter name and address of the parish territory in which this church is located: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish/Site Information

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of registered families/households in the parish

\_\_\_\_\_ Estimated number of individual registered parishioners (i.e., including adults, teens, children, and infants in the community)

\_\_\_\_\_ Approximate total attendance at all Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses on a typical weekend in October

\_\_\_\_\_ Church seating capacity (main parish church only)

Information about specific Masses by language used:	Total Number of Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses per week:	Total number of Weekday Masses per week:	Average Attendance for Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses in October:	Seating capacity for these Masses
English				
Spanish				
Other _____				
Other _____				
Other _____				

Approximate racial/ethnic composition of parishioners (use percentages that sum to 100%):

_____ White/Anglo/Caucasian	_____ African American/Black/
_____ Asian/Pacific Islander	_____ Persons of African Descent
_____ American Indian/Native American	_____ Hispanic/Latino

### Ethnic Ministries

Complete if your parish serves any **immigrant communities** (i.e., foreign-born and the children of foreign-born parents):

Immigrants' country of origin:	Number of individuals from the community served	<b>Check</b> if parish provides leadership training to this community:	<b>Check</b> if ongoing formation for clergy is offered by parish or diocese to coordinate ministry to this community:	Number of priests, deacons, religious and/or laity serving community:
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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### Migrants, Refugees, and Itinerant People within the Parish Territory

<b>Check</b> if communities listed below are present within your parish territory at any time during the year:	<b>Check</b> if parish offers pastoral care to community:	<b>Check</b> if parish offers leadership training to this community:	<b>Check</b> if ongoing formation for clergy is offered by parish or diocese to coordinate ministry to this community:	Number of priests, deacons, religious and/or laity serving this community:
<input type="checkbox"/> Migrant farmworkers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minor immigrants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family members of immigrants in ICE Immigrant Detention Centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Circuses, carnivals, race tracks, rodeos and any other travelling show community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seafarers/maritime workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugees and asylum seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-haul truck drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Victims of human trafficking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Travelers and/or Gypsies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tourists or pilgrims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undocumented communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Airport communities (pilots, crew)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Other Catholic organizations serving the communities stated above within your parish territory:

\_\_\_\_\_

Estimate the value of annual donations of cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and in-kind: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ that your parish offers to the communities above.

Check if your parish offers access to  religious education and/or  Catholic school enrollment support for any of the communities above. Name the communities benefited: \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are a Newman or Campus ministry, name any of the communities listed above that you help your student or academic body to serve: \_\_\_\_\_.

Does your parish sponsor a mission trip where a group of your parishioners travel to another city?  
 No  Yes

Does your parish have a twinning relationship with another parish or school in another city?  
 No  Yes

Would you or others in your parish be interested in becoming a member of a network of active religious and lay ministers that share the same ministries to the communities mentioned above?  
 No  Yes, specify for which communities: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position in the Parish/Mission/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MAY RESPOND ONLINE:** <http://cara.georgetown.edu/online-surveys> using the ID and password above. © Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate: phone: 202-687-8080, fax: 202-687-8083, email: mmg34@georgetown.edu



## Collaboration Opportunities

**Check**, if your diocese would be interested in collaborating with the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity to support a summer pastoral experience to its seminarians. Specify for which of the communities mentioned in any of the two tables on the preceding page: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Check**, if your diocese would be interested in collaborating with the USCCB Committee on Cultural Diversity to support the implementation of specific programs in its Catholic Schools. Specify for which communities: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Check** if this would be for  primary  secondary or  tertiary education Catholic schools.

Please, specify the kind of program you would be interested in implementing: \_\_\_\_\_.

Share one best practice or model effectively utilized by your diocese that you think other dioceses could learn from in ministering the communities that you selected in the previous tables (please also specify for which community):

Share one pastoral resource identified by your diocese that other dioceses could use to serve one of the selected communities in the previous tables (please also specify for which community):

Share one educational resource identified by your diocese that others could use to serve the selected communities in the previous tables (please also specify for which community):

**Check**, if you would be interested in receiving support from other dioceses as you try to minister to the communities in the previous tables. If so, please explain the kind of support that you are interested in (also specify for which community): \_\_\_\_\_.

**Check**, if you or others in your diocese would be interested in becoming a member of a network of active diocesan leaders that share a ministry to any of the communities in the previous tables. Specify for which communities: \_\_\_\_\_.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your position in the Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_