

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

Jubilee of Migrants and Refugees 2025

Migrant House in Tijuana, Scalabrini Priests.



Opening song:

The Song
of Saint
Francis
Xavier.

Cristóbal Fones.
Jesuits Acoustic.



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Opening Prayer

God of love and mercy,
You know the heart of every person,
and accompany those who suffer and seek refuge.
Today we present to you the millions of brothers and
sisters who have been uprooted from their homes,
victims of violence, persecution, and injustice.
Open our eyes to see their pain,
our ears to hear their cry,
and our hearts to welcome them with love.
Inspire us to be instruments of your peace and comfort,
to build a more just and fraternal society,
where no one is a stranger and all find a home.
May the Holy Spirit guide us
in our commitment to accompaniment and service,
as pilgrims of hope for those most in need. Amen

A Look at Reality

Every day, thousands of people are forced to abandon their lands, their possessions, and, in many cases, their loved ones, fleeing armed conflict, human rights violations, natural disasters, or extreme poverty. This flight is not a choice, but an imperative necessity for survival.

These brothers and sisters often face a path fraught with danger: the uncertain journey, exploitation, xenophobia, and difficulty accessing basic services once they reach a place of safety.

Their stories are testimonies of resilience, but also of immense vulnerability. It is a reality that challenges us all and demands a compassionate and effective response.*

*Taken from: "Refuge. We weave bonds of hope, we build a home for all." Red Clamor 2025 www.redclamor.org



“Migrants, missionaries of hope”

is the Message of Pope Leo XIV for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The WDMR, which usually falls on the last Sunday of September, will be celebrated this year on 4 and 5 October on the occasion of the Jubilee of Migrants.

In his Message, the Holy Father reflects on the current context “sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere”.

The search for happiness is one of the causes of human mobility, and the link between migration and hope, which is well reflected in the Jubilee 2025 motto “Pilgrims of Hope”, is often at the heart of many migration experiences.

It is often migrants, refugees and displaced persons who are “privileged witnesses of hope. Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible”.

Those who undertake the journey carry this faith as baggage and pass it to the communities where they arrive. Migrants and refugees thus become missionaries of hope in the countries that welcome them, “forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values”.

Moreover, those who leave their homeland remind the Church of the ultimate goal of the earthly pilgrimage that leads to the future homeland. The presence of migrants and refugees is therefore one that should be recognized and appreciated “as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church”.

*From the Dicastery for Promoting
Integral Human Development Website*



From Mexicali, MX

“In a world darkened by wars and injustices, even where all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope.”

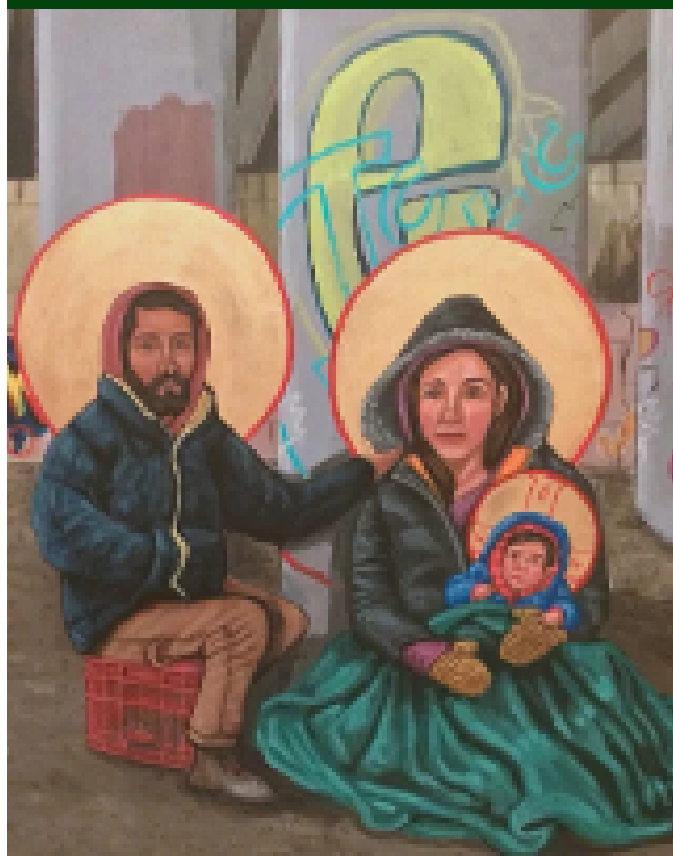


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Commitment as a Church

The reality of migrants, refugees, and displaced persons is a call to the active participation of all members of the Church, strengthening communion and shared mission. Synodality involves listening to the voices of refugees, displaced persons, and migrants, learning from their experiences, and building creative and transformative solutions together.

When the Church journeys synodically, she becomes a living witness to God's love for all her sons and daughters, especially those who find themselves on the geographical and existential peripheries.

Celebration of Candelaria. Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Diego



Questions for Reflection:

How do we feel or recognize that migrants and refugees are messengers of hope?

What message do they give us with their life testimony?

How does our RSCJ Charism invite you to respond to the needs of People on the Move in our world today?



In this time of prayer, we entrust to the Lord the migrants, their families, and the situations that compel their movement, asking for protection, strength, and hope in their path.

Prayer for Migrants

*For all those who see “home” and all it means disappear behind them;
For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them;
For all those who dwell in daily insecurity;
For all those who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads.
For all families in migration, we pray.
May the image of the Holy family fleeing oppression stay with us each
night as we are blessed with returning to a home
May we also be blessed with compassion for those
Still weary, still seeking, still with so far to go.
Amen.*

Closing song: "Pilgrims of Hope" - Official Hymn for the 2025 Jubilee



From San Diego side of border near Tijuana

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