

## Solidarity and Refugees

In light of recent events in Afghanistan, what should we as the body of Christ be doing? As we have seen the past two weeks, we are called to be our brothers and sisters keepers and to act in solidarity with them and commit to and defend their human dignity.

Living rightly means to love one another.

### **Romans 13:8-10**

In Oregon, Catholic Charities expects that there could be hundreds of people with special immigrant visas coming here in the next several months. The Catholic Charities website offers a number of ways that we can help Afghan refugees and those in crisis still in Afghanistan.

To donate money or goods you can go to this link.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/services/refugee-services/in-kind-needs/>

To learn about volunteer opportunities check out this video of Catholic Charities opportunities

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raE8tQNZO\\_E&t=1181s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raE8tQNZO_E&t=1181s)

To read an article about helping friends and family still in Afghanistan please go to this link. If you don't know anyone in Afghanistan please scroll to the bottom of the article to see other ways you can help.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/blog/how-to-help-friends-and-family-who-are-in-afghanistan/>

If you have questions about volunteering at Catholic Charities of Oregon, email [volunteer@ccoregon.org](mailto:volunteer@ccoregon.org) or call the Volunteer Helpline at [\(503\) 688-2536](tel:5036882536).

Catholic social teaching

“Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: *to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate*”.’ **Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January, 2018**

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/february/documents/papa-francesco\\_20170221\\_forum-migrazioni-pace.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2017/february/documents/papa-francesco_20170221_forum-migrazioni-pace.html)

“Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbour.” **Pope Benedict XVI, Dues Caritas Est, 2005**

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