



### National Migration Week Forum

## **Celebrating a Community for All**

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is hosting an inter-faith gathering of congregations and individuals who advocate for the needs of vulnerable immigrants and refugees in our community. The event, "Celebrating a Community for All," will be held on **Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at St. Monica-St. George Catholic Parish in Clifton Heights (328 W McMillan St, Cincinnati, OH), from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Parish Hall** on Fairview Avenue, behind the church. Parking is available behind Hughes High School at the Parish Hall, and refreshments will be served.

The forum commemorates the annual "National Migration Week" and serves to highlight the collaborative and faith-based efforts across our region that foster compassionate and welcoming communities to those who are fleeing violence, extreme poverty and persecution around the world and who seek a new life of peace among us in Southwestern Ohio.

Through Refugee Resettlement, Su Casa Hispanic Center, and Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities is the largest provider of immigration services in our region. However, no organization can fulfill its mission without the support, participation and collaboration of people and groups, who work together and share their values, visions and experiences with others. Annually, we convene those who provide services to immigrants and those who want to become more engaged in these issues. Whether an individual or group is interested in advocacy or direct service to neighbors in need, our hope is that partnerships will be built and strengthened through a facilitated sharing of best practices.

Catholic Charities staff is currently reaching out personally to faith communities across Greater Cincinnati to invite their participation at the forum. We would like to better understand faith leaders' interests and challenges in providing outreach to immigrants, so that table sharing discussions can be more productively facilitated.

To share what you hope to get out of this event, ask questions, or explore sponsorship opportunities, contact Dan Sarell, Director of Mission Advancement, (513) 672-3710, or [dsarell@ccswoh.org](mailto:dsarell@ccswoh.org); or Maddie Lees, Coordinator of Parish Outreach, (513) 672-3714, or [mlees@ccswoh.org](mailto:mlees@ccswoh.org).

To register yourself or your group for the event, which is free and open to the public, contact Spring Duncan at [sduncan@ccswoh.org](mailto:sduncan@ccswoh.org), or call (513) 672-3736, by Monday, February 3.