

**DO YOU WANT TO TRANSFORM REFUGEES'
LIVES AND GALVANISE YOUR PARISH?**



**WHY NOT ANSWER
POPE FRANCIS'S CALL
AND SPONSOR A
REFUGEE FAMILY?**

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***“May every parish, every religious community,
Every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe,
Take in one family”***

Community Sponsorship is a new way to welcome and resettle refugees.
Ordinary communities are taking responsibility for helping a family to build a new life,
including:

Preparing a new home | Welcoming the family at the airport
Ensuring they settle in well and can access services | Arranging schools for the children
Helping the adults learn English | Supporting them to find work



St Monica's, a Catholic parish in Salford Diocese, pioneered the scheme in 2016. Parishes throughout England & Wales have followed suit.

Caritas Social Action Network, the domestic social action agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales, can offer you in-depth advice and guidance. You will be provided with full training, support and supervision.

"The whole experience has been joyful and profound – transforming lives to a soundtrack of shared jokes, playfulness, singing and laughter. Any parish can do it"
St Monica's Project Manager

"This scheme opens a path for people to respond with compassion, providing welcome and integration, and should be taken up as widely as possible."
Cardinal Vincent Nichols

To find out more, please visit: www.csan.org.uk/community-sponsorship
To arrange an in-depth discussion or an event in your Diocese please contact:
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