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Dear Father,

Caritas Community Sponsorship

Please find enclosed a leaflet introducing the Community Sponsorship Scheme. This Government programme, introduced in the UK in 2016, is a way for civil society groups to play a greater role in resettling the most vulnerable refugees.

The scheme has been welcomed by Cardinal Nichols and the first family to be settled in a parish was at St Monica's, Flixton in the Diocese of Salford. It is a practical and transformative way for the Church to respond to Pope Francis's call to welcome refugees into our communities. Across the country, around one-third of the 130 Community Sponsorship Groups to date are Catholic-led.

I hope that the enclosed leaflet proves inspiring and useful. It can be downloaded from the 'Community Sponsorship' page of the CSAN website (www.csan.org.uk/community-sponsorship/). Please don't hesitate to contact Sean Ryan MBE, National Caritas Coordinator (s.ryan@caritassalford.org.uk) for more information and to arrange an in-depth discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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