

MEDIA ALERT

Diocese of Orlando to Commemorate World Refugee Day with Interfaith Prayer Service

- WHO:** Religious leaders from various faith traditions will gather to pray for the plight of refugees. The Central Florida community is invited to participate as prayers are offered for the estimated 34 million refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons in our world.
- WHAT:** Following the prayer service, there will be a viewing of the film *Lost Boys of the Sudan*
- WHERE:** Harry P. Leu Gardens
Camellia Room
920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL
- WHEN:** June 17, 6:00 pm-9:30 pm
- WHY:** To raise awareness and pray for the protection of basic human rights such as the right to work, to education and to freedom of religion. World Refugee Day is observed every year on June 20 to honor the courage, resilience and strength of refugees.

OTHER INFORMATION:

First marked in 2001, World Refugee Day is held every year on June 20. Tens of thousands of people around the world take time to recognize and applaud the contribution of forcibly displaced people throughout the world. The annual commemoration is marked by a variety of events in more than 100 countries, involving government officials, humanitarian aid workers and faith leaders. The following will participate in Orlando's World Refugee Day Event:

Rev. Chau J. Nguyen, St. Philip Phan Van Minh Catholic Church
Reverend Gabriel Tassy, Church of the Holy Family
Rev. Bryan Fulwider, First Congregational Church of Winter Park
Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt, East Central District, United Methodist Church Florida Conference
Reverend Baiju Avittappally, M.S., Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Imam Muhammad Musri, Islamic Society of Central Florida
Michael Ryugen M., Zen Monk, Orlando Zen Community

Brother Francis Sebo, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Bhai Jaswinder Singh, Sikh Society of Central Florida
Bhai Ravinder Singh, Sikh Society of Central Florida
Surender Singh Panesar, Sikh Society of Central Florida
Jasbir Singh Bhatia, Sikh Society of Central Florida
Richard Logue, Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Immigration and Refugee Services
Glenda Agosto, MSW, R-CSWI, Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Refugee
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