## 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 1 Welcoming the family at the airport Ensuring they settle in well and can access services 1 Arranging schools for the children Helping the adults learn English 1 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: Sean Ryan MBE, National Caritas Coordinator: s.ryan@caritassalford.org.uk

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