

How a Parish can Resettle Refugees

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(ORAT)



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Agenda

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- Who can be resettled?
- Options for Sponsorship
- How to start the resettlement process?



About ORAT

- An agreement between the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Minister of Immigration
- 3-way partnership between the government, constituent groups (CGs) and refugees
- Constituent Groups commit to provide the refugee with the necessary support and assistance in order to help them integrate into Canadian life



The Global Picture

- Numbers continue to grow
 - Currently over 60 million people have been forcefully displaced from their homes
- Snapshot of devastating situations worldwide
 - Iraq
 - Syria
 - Sudan (Darfur)
 - Eritrea
 - DR Congo



Who can be resettled?

Refugees whose lives would be at risk upon return to their country of origin and have no other durable solution in their country of asylum.

Government's Criteria:

- Eligibility
- Credibility
- Admissibility
- Adaptability



An overview of Project Hope

- On September 8, 2015, Cardinal Thomas Collins, announced a 100-day campaign to raise \$3 million to welcome 100 refugee families to the Greater Toronto Area as soon as possible
- Unique opportunity
- 40 years...Since the beginning has opened the door for over 200,000 people
- Resettlement opens doors for ourselves and others

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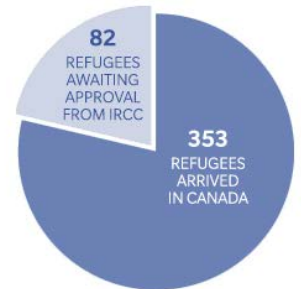
Raised **\$4.3 million**
Goal to welcome **100 refugee families**
representing **400 individual refugees**

206 CASES SUBMITTED TO IMMIGRATION,
REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC)
REPRESENTING **567** INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES

128 FAMILIES ARRIVED IN CANADA
REPRESENTING **353** INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES

34 CASES IN PROCESS WITH IRCC
REPRESENTING **82** INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES

44 FAMILIES TRANSFERRED TO
OTHER COUNTRIES
REPRESENTING **132** INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES



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Options for Sponsorship

A. Full responsibility cases

- Housing, clothing, food, cash, etc....

B. Logistical support / Challenging cases

- No financial obligation
- Cases that require special attention and care
- 2 Years' commitment
- Emotional & logistical support
- Only for experienced Constituent Groups

C. Moral support cases

- Moral and spiritual support
- Most often done jointly with a family member in Canada (Cosponsor)



How to start the resettlement process?

1. Form a Constituent Group (CG)
2. Determine the level of commitment & resources available to devote to resettlement (Time, Money, Volunteers, etc.)
3. Training. Register at <http://orat.eventbrite.com>
 - Full responsibility cases, logistical support cases or moral support cases
4. 4 trainings
 - How a Parish can Resettle Refugees
 - General Integration Training
 - Budgeting and finances
 - Pre-Arrival
5. Request a refugee profile; get matched



How to start the resettlement process? (Cont...)

6. Put together a work plan for integration and other parish forms
 - > Assign roles and responsibilities
7. Raise the required funds
8. Complete immigration forms (Document Checklist) and review with ORAT*
9. Further training for Constituent Group representatives (IRCC Processing times)
10. Greet the refugee(s) / newcomer(s)
11. Provide ongoing support throughout the resettlement period

*ORAT advises on the process (assessment of the case, filing of the case, training, etc...)

Conclusion

Questions?

Thank you for attending!

Please fill out the anonymous evaluation sheet, fold, and return

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