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Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

Issues concerning migrants and refugees are passionately discussed and often give rise to misunderstanding or conflict—particularly when the stories focus on broad policies or abstractions without directly showing migrants and their local communities. As Pope Francis said in his 2019 World Communications Day message, “The present context calls on all of us to invest in relationships, and to affirm the interpersonal nature of our humanity, including in and through the [communications] network.”

The documentary film *Refugees in the Heartland: Who Are We Following?* has answered that call. Its makers interviewed migrants and refugees and those who help them assimilate into communities in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and the Dioceses of Wichita, Kansas City–St. Joseph, and Dodge City. With support from the Catholic Communication Campaign, the filmmakers captured the true stories and human faces of the immigrant experience in the United States’ heartland.

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps a diverse range of communicators spread the Gospel and build community networks of interpersonal relationships. Your support helps grantees to tell truthful, uplifting, and engaging stories that help us all to grow closer to each other and to God.

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Gratefully in Christ,

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