

Hospitality

This atmosphere of welcoming is increasingly necessary in confronting today's diverse forms of distancing ourselves from others. This is profoundly evidenced in the problem of millions of refugees and exiles, in the phenomenon of racial intolerance as well as intolerance toward the person whose only "fault" is search for work and better living conditions outside his own country, and in fear of all who are different and thus seen as a threat.

*John Paul II, "Welcoming the Poor: Reigning Hope"
Origins 27:36 (February 26, 1998): p.605*

We shall always insist upon giving a generous welcome to others which is at once a duty of human solidarity and Christian charity..... (They should be) welcomed with brotherly love, (with) examples of upright living in which genuine and effective Christian charity and the highest spiritual values are esteemed.

*Paul VI, Populorum Progressio: On the Development of Peoples
(March 26, 1967), no. 67*

Dialogue leads to a recognition of diversity and opens the mind to the mutual acceptance and genuine collaboration demanded by the human family's basic vocation to unity.

John Paul II, World Day for Peace Message, January 1, 2001

As Catholics we are called to take concrete measures to overcome the misunderstanding, ignorance, competition, and fear that stand in the way of genuinely welcoming the stranger in our midst and enjoying the communion that is our destiny as Children of God.

*Strangers No Longer: A Journey of Hope, Pastoral Letter
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Immigrants, new to our shores, call us out of our unawareness to a conversion of mind and heart through which we are able to offer a genuine and suitable welcome, to share together as brother and sisters at the same table, and to work side by side to improve the quality of life for society's marginalized members.

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The Church of the twenty-first century will be, as it always has been, a Church of many cultures, languages and traditions, yet simultaneously one, as God is one-Father, Son, and Holy spirit-unity in diversity.

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This is about the virtues we practice in our own lives and the values we promote in public life. And this is about whether there is A Place at the Table for all in our communities, nation, and world.

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