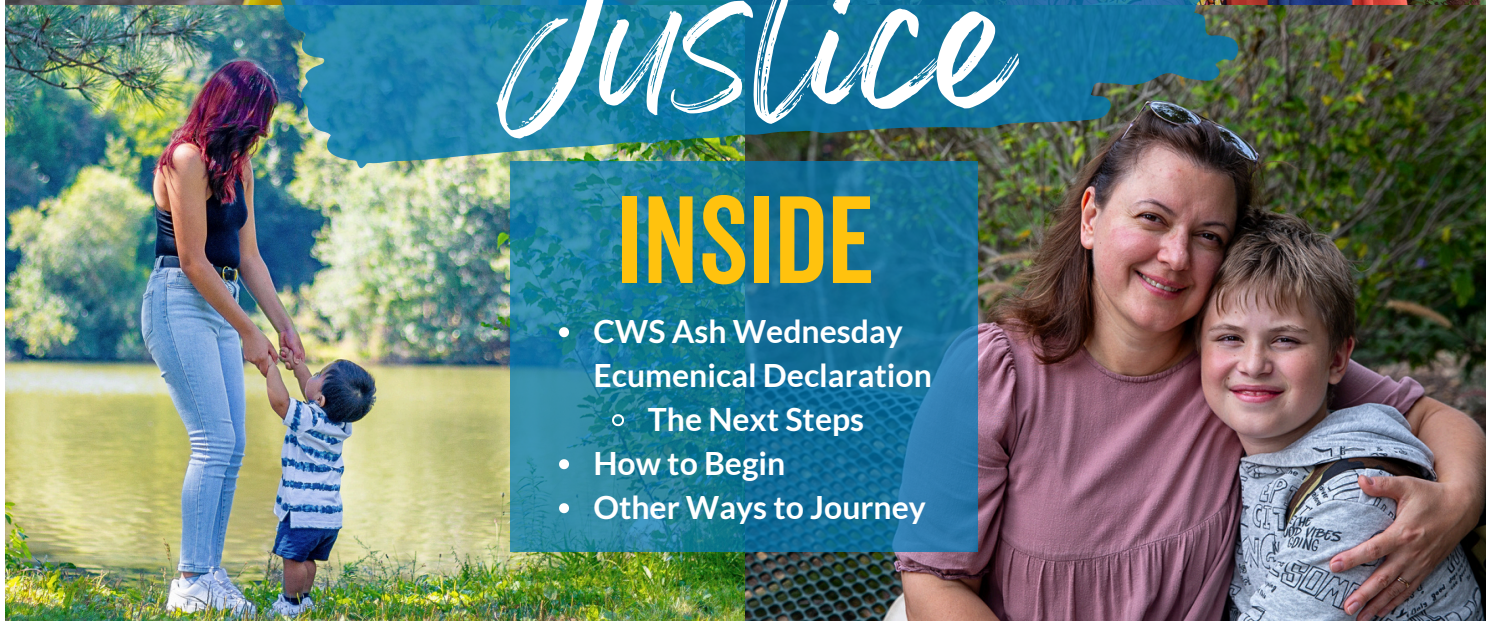




Journey For *Justice*

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CWS ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL DECLARATION

THE NEXT STEPS: You've taken a meaningful step by signing the CWS Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration. You said "yes" to compassion and justice. Now you're invited to go deeper: to embody your commitment through action, reflection, and solidarity with refugees.

Join the Journey for Justice Challenge.

- Walk in faith.
- Fundraise with purpose.
- Stand in solidarity.

The Journey for Justice Challenge:

A Month of Faith-filled Solidarity with Refugees

This is a one-month, personal journey of compassion and commitment. You'll walk or run 43.7 miles over the course of a month—just over a mile a day—in recognition of the 43.7 million refugees around the world. And as you walk, you'll invite friends and family to sponsor your journey, raising funds to support CWS programs that serve refugees globally and, in the U.S.

It's a powerful way to live out the Gospel's call to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:35) on a deeply personal level.

Why Take the Journey for Justice Challenge?

- Deepen your understanding of refugee realities
- Make your faith visible through action
- Invite your community into your mission
- Raise real support for real people in crisis

Why 43.7 Miles?

Each of the 43.7 million refugees worldwide has a story of loss, strength, and hope. Your commitment of 43.7 miles:

- Honors the dangerous and courageous paths refugees take toward safety.
- Turns your steps into a witness for justice and hospitality.
- Can raise over \$4,370 (or whatever goal you choose!) to support vital services for displaced families.



HOW TO BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE CHALLENGE

1. Pick Your Month

Choose any 30-day period that's meaningful to you, Lent, Easter season, or May 20 to June 20 (ending on World Refugee Day) are a few great options.

2. Create Your Personal Fundraising Page

Go to fundraise.cwsglobal.org and set up your own fundraiser. Pick a goal that speaks to you — whether it's \$437 or \$4,370—and start sharing your story.

3. Invite Sponsors

Ask your circle to support your Journey for Justice Challenge. Any size gift can make a big difference:

- **\$20** = a month of food assistance for one refugee outside U.S.
- **\$43** = a gardening project for one refugee family
- **\$75** = legal aid for asylum seekers
- **\$300** = a month of food assistance for a refugee family in the U.S.

4. Walk in Solidarity

Taking the Journey for Justice Challenge isn't just about miles. It's about prayer, reflection, and compassion. During the month, CWS will provide:

- Weekly devotionals that ground your journey in Scripture
- Action alerts to advocate for just refugee policies
- Opportunities to share your reflections using #JourneyForJustice

This is your time to connect faith with action — step by step

5. Celebrate your Journey

At the end of your Journey for Justice Challenge, take time to reflect on your experience. Journal, pray, or share what you've learned with others. Consider making your final walk a special moment of gratitude, prayer, or remembrance. Remember to post on social media!



OTHER WAYS TO JOURNEY (IF WALKING ISN'T YOUR THING)

Make this your own!

Here are some alternate personal solidarity challenges:

- Swim 4.37 miles over a week
- Live from a backpack for a week—limit your belongings
- Eat a refugee-style ration diet for 5–7 days
- Sleep on the floor for a week, in solidarity with those living in camps

Start your journey today. Fundraise your way.

Walk with purpose. Welcome the stranger.

Need help? Want encouragement or ideas? Your CWS Community Engagement Specialist and Fundraising Coach is here for you.

Psalm 82:3

*Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the
destitute.*

Isaiah 1:17

*learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.*

Matthew 5:7

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.*

Hebrews 13:2

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it.*