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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Bishops

FROM: Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson, Bishop of Yakima and Chairman,
Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers, USCCB

RE: **Diocesan Profiles on Ethnic and Human Mobility Apostolates**

DATE: April 3, 2018

Dear Brother Bishops:

I am glad to inform you that the USCCB's Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers is producing the Bishops first comprehensive diocesan profiles on ethnic and human mobility apostolates. This initiative is being conducted in collaboration with the Center for the Advance Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

Our pastoral concern stems from the Church's realization that migrants have a lifestyle that often causes them to be inadequately catered for by the ordinary pastoral ministries of the parish, or be entirely deprived of it (*Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* 2004). Therefore, this project will focus on strengthening the pastoral care of populations such as victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors, migrant farmworkers, long-haul truck drivers, seafarers, aviation communities, ethnic communities, traveling show families from the circus, carnivals, race tracks, bull riding, and other people on the move.

The diocesan profiles will be customized with demographic information relevant to the ethnic and people on the move communities located within our dioceses. The information will inform us about the extent to which our parishes, campus ministries and other Catholic worship sites are engaging in ethnic and human mobility apostolates. These profiles will also offer opportunities, resources and trainings for the religious and lay pastoral leaders in our dioceses interested in serving in ethnic and human mobility apostolates.

- **Request: Please rely on your staff to remind all parishes, campus ministries and other Catholic worship sites in your dioceses to complete the survey "*Catholic Worship Site Inventory*" that can be accessed at <http://cara.georgetown.edu/online-surveys/>. CARA already mailed and emailed all Catholic worship sites directly their ID and passwords so they can submit their responses either online or via mail. **If they do not know their ID and password, please have them contact Mark Gray, mmg34@georgetown.edu so he can provide each Catholic worship site its assigned ID and password.****

Please remind the Catholic worship sites in your dioceses to complete this survey so their information can be included in the diocesan profiles we will provide you. The comprehensiveness of your diocesan profiles will depend on the rate of response CARA receives from the Catholic worship sites of your dioceses.