

Good afternoon, everyone. We are gathered here celebrating the 107<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Pope Francis in his preparatory message for this day tells us:

**“In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family.”**

That is why we are here, as the people of God, united in one heartbeat, without borders and without barriers: no difference of races and beliefs.

We appreciate your presence and invite you to live fully this experience of unity in diversity. You are very welcome to this celebration!