Jesuit Refugee Service/USA (JRS/USA) is the major refugee outreach arm of U.S. Jesuits, mobilizing responses to refugee situations in the U.S. and abroad. Our mission is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons and provide support for the work of JRS throughout the world.

JRS is present in 47 countries worldwide, addressing the educational, social and emergency needs of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. JRS services are available to refugees and displaced persons regardless of their race, ethnic origin, or religious beliefs. The JRS Action Network represents individuals and groups from around the U.S. who play an active role in raising awareness about JRS/USA’s mission and supporting its work through advocacy and fundraising.

**ACTION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Learn**
Schedule a visit by a JRS/USA staff person who can share the most up-to-date information on current crises around the world and deliver trainings on how to be an effective advocate so that you can speak out for refugees.

**Advocate**
Advocating on behalf of the rights of refugees and displaced persons is an important part of JRS/USA’s mission. JRS Action Network members can amplify this work by reaching out to their policymakers and speaking out in support of policies that positively impact refugees. Learn more at [www.jrsusa.org/advocacy](http://www.jrsusa.org/advocacy).

**Mobilize**
Throughout the year, JRS/USA hosts a series of campaigns which serve as mobilization opportunities for the JRS Action Network. You can also start a JRS Action Team, organize a panel discussion or film screening, host a refugee simulation, send postcards through AnyRefugee ([www.anyrefugee.org](http://www.anyrefugee.org)) or raise funds to support JRS programs.

- **September 2016 – Back to School Campaign**
  The fundamental right of children to education is most at risk during emergencies. Show your support for the Education for All Act and programs that #EducateRefugees.

- **October 6-21, 2016 – Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees**
  Join an 11-city concert tour featuring Emmylou Harris and friends, to raise awareness of the unprecedented worldwide refugee crisis. Learn more at [www.jrsusa.org/lampedusa](http://www.jrsusa.org/lampedusa).

- **November 20, 2016 – International Children’s Day**
  Raise awareness about the plight of children impacted by war and conflict by hosting a Refugee Awareness Week or Walk a Mile in My Shoes Simulation.

- **January 2017 – World Day of Migrants & Refugees**
  In honor of the World Day of Migrants & Refugees, host a Refugee Awareness Week or Walk a Mile in My Shoes Simulation to spread the word about the 65 million displaced persons around the world.

- **June 20, 2017 – World Refugee Day**
  On June 20, the global community mobilizes to raise awareness about refugees and current crises that are going unnoticed. Join JRS/USA to engage your online networks and urge your policymakers to take action.