

## Refugees and Asylum Seekers – A Catholic Perspective

“Our Church teaches that anyone who is forced to flee to protect their lives or human dignity has a moral claim on our assistance, whether they fit legal definitions of a refugee or not. We need a just, humane and timely system for assessing claims for asylum.”

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, [Towards a Better Kind of Politics](#), 2022, p 3.

“... history teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them.”

Pope Francis, [Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) 2022.