



# DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Share the Journey Yours to Mine  
Letter of Explanation  
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On September 2017, Pope Francis asked us to open our hearts to migrants who leave their homeland and launched his Share the Journey campaign. Pope Francis said “Hope is the force that drives us “to share the journey”, because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language.” Cardinal Tagle of Caritas stated “we were given each other so that we would have someone with whom to share our journeys.”

We are asking that you “share the journey” at your parish. We suggest a small group of not more than 12 people share a meal, or desert, or just a conversation sharing where each of them or their ancestors came from and what brought them to this country. We suggest that half of each group be Hispanics and the other Anglos sitting together to find what brought them to this country. The table talk may happen in the parish or in someone’s home or a restaurant.

If you don’t have the diversity at your parish to hold these talks we will attempt to assist you by encouraging people from other parishes to share their journey with your parishioners.

We are hoping that a relationship will develop and others will want to become part of the journey also and more tables will form.

Members of our social action and immigration departments and Bishop Zinkula did our own version of “Share the Journey” We placed a map in the center of the table and put stickers where our ancestors came from. We would suggest if you use a map you have people mark the map before the conversation starts. Another suggestion: at the end of the conversation breaking bread together might be symbolic of the larger togetherness. Each parish may want to do “share the journey” in their own unique way.

If you have any questions please call Loxi Hopkins 563-888-4212 or email [hopkins@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopkins@davenportdiocese.org)

#### Materials Enclosed:

- Letter of Explanation
- Introduction Letter (English and Spanish)
- Sample flyer (English and Spanish)
- Prayer Card (English & Spanish)
- Suggested Questions (English & Spanish)