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THE FUTURE IS MADE OF US, LET'S SHARE THE JOURNEY

Caritas Internationalis collage

“The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of big leaders, of big companies. Yes, they do hold an enormous responsibility, but the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognise the other as a YOU and themselves as part of an US.

We all need each other.” - Pope Francis

What does the future look like? According to Pope Francis, the only future worth building includes every single one of us.

Everyone's existence is deeply tied to that of the other, said the Pope in his [2017 TED Talk](#). The future is made of all of us and our encounter with others because “life flows through our relations with others”.

Inspired by Pope Francis' reflection on our common shared future, Caritas has produced a three-metre-high collage containing the faces of people who may not know each other in person, but whose lives are inextricably linked: migrants and refugees of the past and present, leaders, CEOs of the biggest companies, Caritas staff from different parts of the world and others who are part of our migrant journey.

The collage is part of Caritas' Share the Journey campaign. The campaign aims to create spaces and opportunities for communities around the world to come together with migrants and refugees and get to know each other better. So far 70 countries around the world have participated by sharing a meal, walking together with migrants and refugees or quite simply by opening their arms in welcome.

Later this year, Caritas will launch the Share the Journey global week of action on art. We will use copies of the mosaic in communities around the world to encourage reflection and debate. Migrants, refugees and community members will be invited to place their photos in the mosaic and to write their thoughts around the outside.

The face of Caritas

The young woman depicted is called Nasrin. She works for Caritas Bangladesh to create safe spaces for children in a camp where Rohingya families have taken refuge. She symbolises the tenderness, tenacity and concrete love that the people of Caritas show to migrants, refugees and the poor and marginalised in many countries around the world. Nasrin represents the enormous power which is embodied by service and solidarity on an individual and global level in our world today.

The artist

Stefano Maria Girardi was born in Rome in 1982. He obtained his baccalaureate at “Di Ripetta” art school of Rome. Later, he attended the Rome University of Fine Arts (RUFA), the Academy of Design and technology of Rome “Pantheon”, and the School of the Art of Medalmaking of Rome. Stefano works as a painter and book cover designer in Rome. <http://www.stefanomariagirardi.com/>

Photo of Nasrin by Ismail Ferdous for Catholic Relief Services.

Photos of migrants taken from Caritas archives and photos of leaders and notable people sourced from Wikimedia.

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