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In his message for World Day of Peace, 2018, Pope Francis expresses the hope that during 2018, the United Nations will not only draft but approve two Global Compacts, one for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other for refugees. He states that “as shared agreements at a global level, these compacts will provide a framework for policy proposals, and practical measures.”

As Ursulines we are committed to open our hearts to the cries of our earth and its people. 2018 provides us with an opportunity in every province to both pray and advocate for the passage of these Global Compacts at our own country level.

January provides an opportunity for all of us:

**January 1:** **World Day of Peace.** The theme is “Migrants and Refugees; men and women in search of peace.

**January 14:** **World Day of Migrants and Refugees.** The theme is “Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees.”

Both messages can be found on the Vatican website and through your national conferences in your own language.

Other resources have been posted on our JPIC page of our Roman Union website:

**From the Vatican:** Responding to Refugees and Migrants: Twenty Action Points

**From the United Nations:** Ten Acts for the Global Compact

UNHCR: #With Refugees Campaign

Slide Show: <https://ngomigration.files.wordpress.com/2014/>

Sign petition <http://www.unhcr.org/withrefugees/petition/>

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**Pope Francis’s 2018 World Day of Peace Message**

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