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The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has produced a resources kit with the theme, 'St Paul, Migrant, Apostle of Migrants and Refugees in Australia'.

This resource is now available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website at www.catholic.org.au.

Bishop Joseph Grech, Bishops Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, said: "On the 2000th anniversary of the birth of St Paul, Pope Benedict's message for Migrant and Refugee Week reflects on St Paul as Migrant, Apostle of the Peoples."

"St Paul was born into a family of Jewish immigrants in Tarsus, and educated in the Hebrew and Hellenistic and Roman cultures and languages. After his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus, he devoted himself without hesitation to his new mission to take the good news of Jesus to the world."

The migration phenomenon has grown to take on the dimension of the entire world and the Catholic Church in Australia is the one most impacted.

Catholic dioceses, parishes, schools, and organizations are becoming increasingly diverse. The question is: "how do we welcome all of this diversity in our midst to grow even stronger together?"

This kit will help us reflect as a community and to find ways to support migrants and refugees in the practice of their Catholic faith.

The Resource Kit is available from www.catholic.org.au (home page) and can be printed as a whole document or in separate pages.

Please feel free to download and use it to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Week.

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