

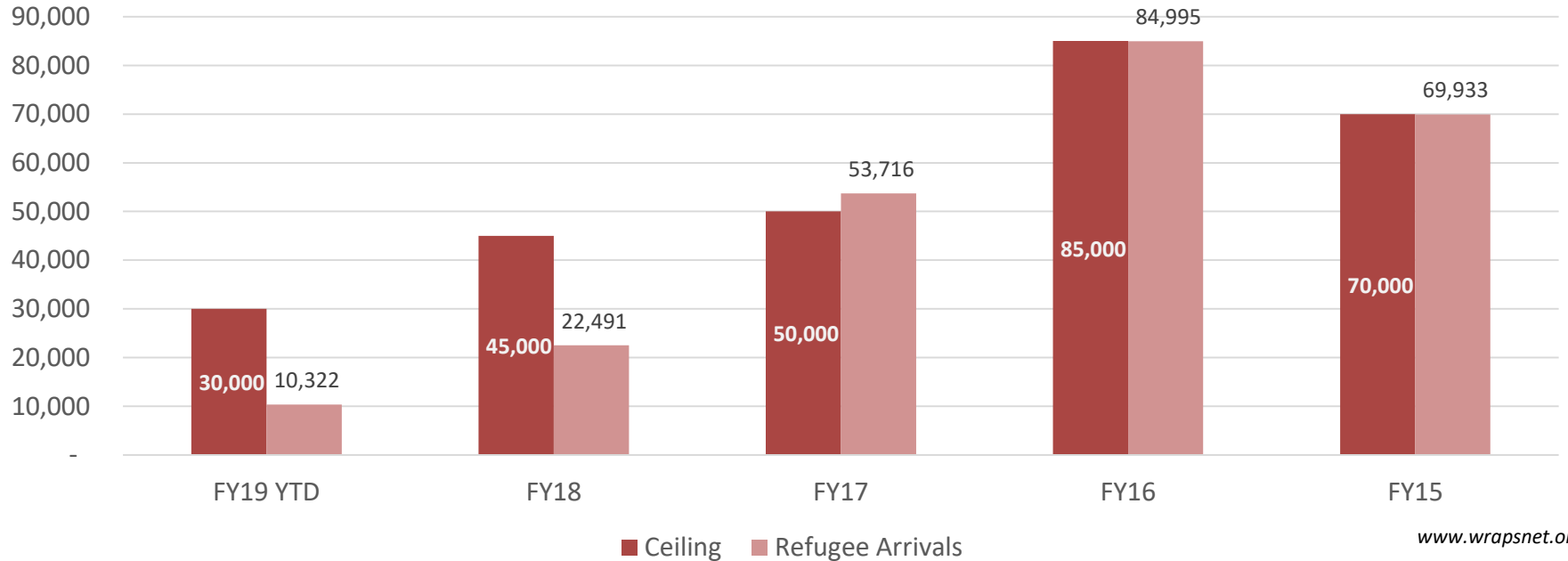


Re-Imagining the Role of Catholic Institutions in the Midst of a Changing US Refugee Program

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U.S. Refugee Admissions Program



USCCB/MRS POWR

- 2010
- Private funds
- Create sustainable programs in parishes to support refugees and foster long term integration
- Grants to affiliates; project models vary



Why POWR for Archdiocese of Boston?

- FY17 State of Resettlement in Boston
- Parishes want to help Syrian refugees
- **Sustain** CCAB's Refugee Resettlement program and provide people opportunities to live out Catholic social teaching
- Convert hearts and minds to support refugees and immigrants

The Power of POWR

7 Parishes 37 Refugees 150+ Volunteers

CCAB Resettlement Program

- \$380K value of volunteer hours
- \$250K in-kind donations
- \$110K cash donations
- \$0 in agency cash contribution
- Employable adults working within 6 months of arrival, decrease reliance on public benefits
- Children in summer camp, education supports
- Baby Ann!

Parish Communities

- “Being part of this effort to welcome a refugee family has been like touching the hem of Jesus’ garment.”
- “Exau loved learning to read, and I loved hearing him, and this gave us a chance to be encouraging and supportive. I don't suppose he will remember these moments, but I will never forget them.”
- “The wonderful experience of seeing a community come together to support the family and of course becoming friends with the family”



Logan Airport June 28, 2017



Welcoming Iraqi-Kurdish Family at Logan
POWR - People/Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees



FY19 POWR 2.0

Low Refugee Arrivals to CCAB

- 25/100 FY18
- 20/100 FY19 (YTD)
- Parishes reaching out to help separated families

Unaccompanied Migrant Children

- Safe Passages & LOPC programs
- Growing population
- Revise POWR model
- Considerations: established communities, family composition, geographic differences