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Pope Francis meets immigrants and representatives of Caritas Internationalis during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sept. 27. Caritas Internationalis was kicking off its "Share the Journey" campaign in support of immigrants. (CNS/Paul Haring)



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Speaking of hurricanes, did you see (or even share) that picture of a chainsaw-wielding nun after Hurricane Irma? A history professor explains why such images can be problematic.