



The Justice for Immigrants Campaign

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In January 2003, the bishops of the United States and Mexico issued a joint pastoral letter, *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope* that presented a Catholic framework for responding to the ongoing migration in their respective countries. *Strangers No Longer* offered pastoral guidance to Catholics who encounter and engage migrants, including undocumented immigrants, migrant children, and refugees, who are living and working in their communities. The letter also suggested systematic reforms to U.S. migration policy and presented an alternative to the existing immigration paradigm.

In 2004, the Catholic bishops of the United States committed to immigration reform as a priority of the U.S. Catholic Church, and to creating a culture of welcome in which all migrants are treated with respect and dignity. A diverse group of Catholic organizations with national networks joined the U.S. Catholic bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI) to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of goodwill in support of immigration reform.

The JFI campaign's primary objectives are:

- To educate the public, especially the Catholic community, about Church teaching on migration;
- To create political will for just and humane immigration reform; and
- Advocate for dignified and fair reforms in immigration and refugee laws and policies that reflect the principles enunciated by the bishops.

Engagement with lawmakers is a vital part of effective advocacy. Make your voice heard and sign up to our mailing list or subscribe to our action alerts.

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