Justice for Immigrants Webinar:
Different Ways You Can Support Migrants in Your Community During COVID-19

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Introduction

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Supporting Refugees during COVID-19

Catholic Charities of Cleveland, Ohio
Why Volunteer Support is Critical Now

Those most affected by pandemic are the vulnerable in our communities, including refugees and immigrants

- Takes pressure off service providers
- Can offer practical help/connections
- Specialized skills and knowledge
- Mobilization of in-kind and financial resources
Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees

- Strengthen parish & community support for newcomers
- Increase donations to fund additional immigrant services
- Involve volunteers in accompaniment activities: literacy, transportation, job coaching, and mentoring
- Organize special awareness & outreach events
In-kind support

Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York
Want to make a difference in the life of a local refugee family?

Financial Support
Virtual Mentoring & Tutoring
Supporting Refugees during COVID-19
What can YOU do?

- Amazon Wish Lists
- Welcome meals
- Welcome cards and letters
- Donation to help pay rent

- Teach online skills
- Virtual mentoring
- Online English Language Tutoring
- Contact local resettlement agency!
“Being part of this effort to welcome a refugee family has been like touching the hem of Jesus’ garment.” Volunteer, Catholic Charities of Boston
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Pastoral Migratoria

15 Years of Justice for Immigrants

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Beginnings of Pastoral Migratoria

Weekly Online Rosary to End Pandemic

• About 250 people participated from 12 dioceses
• Core team of 10 leaders from 6 dioceses organize format, program, promotion and evaluation of rosary
• Leaders rotate intentions writing for rosary
• 4 leaders were identified to participate in the Core Team for the bi-monthly online forum started in 2019.
Train the Trainers: Technology

- How to use Zoom
- Developed popular education manuals Spanish, English, Polish
- 25 leaders from 5 diocese trained
- Provided 1 on 1 followed up
- Within 2 weeks 3 dioceses organized 5 leadership team meetings and info forums reaching over 150 new zoom users.
Train the Facilitators: Peace Circle Online

- Developed training materials in context of coronavirus
- 16 leaders from 5 diocese trained
- Leaders made commitment to develop online PC in diocese/parish
- Provided mental health online resources
- Collaborated with psychologist from Loyola University and trainer from Catholic Theological Union.
From Summer Institute to Virtual Institute Series

- Introduction of PM webinar (USCCB/JPHD & NACDDHM) 6/24
- Online summer course on pastoral ministry (CTU) 6/22-29
- DACA and systemic change panel (Dominican, DePaul, Loyola Medical School of Medicine), 7/30
- Global Migration in times of COVID19 (Jesuit Migration Service Network, Scalabrinian Migrant Network, International Catholic Migrant Council, Center Migration Studies)
- Red Nacional: Digital Pastoral Ministry
Virtual Summer Institute Series

• 26 new partners
• 455 leaders from 90 Arch/dioceses (USA: 70 & México: 20), 22 universities, 42 organizations, 24 religious orders/ministries 7 press/media
• 20 national and international leaders as speakers
• 4,500 (Facebook) and 500 (YouTube)
Isaac Cuevas, Director of Immigration and Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Explain the need

Provide examples of what to do

Keep things simple

Offer resources
COVID-19 and the Hispanic Community
California - Cases and Deaths

- Percentage of Hispanic cases
- Percentage of deaths by COVID among Hispanics
- Population total

38% - Poblacion Hispana en CA
Removing Gloves

Hold the glove you just removed in your gloved hand. Peel off the second glove by putting your fingers inside the glove at the top of your wrist. Turn the second glove inside out while pulling it away from your body, leaving the first glove inside the second. Dispose of the gloves safely.
Recomendations for Work and Home

Do this....

- Educate
- Encourage
- Enforce

Avoid this...

- Crowds
- Close contact
- Confined spaces
Recommended Resources for Pastors and Parish Leaders

Hearts to Serve – Information Hotline (855) 423-6780
Provides information and resources to those in need, especially the elderly and homebound.
The hotline provides a place for people throughout the three counties (Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara) to find local resources such as food pantries, pregnancy centers, mental health resources and community centers to help families in need.

Food Resources
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Finder
LAUSD Food Distribution- Locations
California: Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
Get CalFresh

St. Francis Center
Provides hunger relief and services for homeless and extremely low-income families and individuals in greater Los Angeles.
1835 S. Hope St. Los Angeles, CA 90015
(213) 747-5347 Email: info@sfcla.org

World Harvest Charities and Families Services
You can purchase a cart- full of food for a $40 donation.
3100 Venice Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90019

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity
ONE-TIME EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE to families and individuals in crisis when other charitable services are not available. The funds can be used to pay for housing and rent, medical expenses and utilities.
The Fund acts to solve immediate, pressing problems.
Fund relief is handled through the parish. Persons in need seek help from their Pastor. He gives immediate assistance from parish funds, then applies to the Cardinal McIntyre fund for Charity for reimbursement.
Any questions regarding the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity, Pastors may call (213) 637-7479.

Catholic Charities
DRAI $15,000,000 for 30K Immigrants
Food Distribution
Online Services

How to Use Zoom

Centro de Apoyo y Servicios Legales de Inmigración de Caridades Católicas added an event.

NOTICIAS DE DACA Y CONSULTAS GRATUITAS DE INMIGRACIÓN
¡Acompañámonos para obtener más información sobre algunos

WED, OCT 31 AT 4 PM
Noticias de DACA y Consultas Gratuitas de Inmigración
1 Going · 1 Interested

Proyecto de Asistencia para inmigrantes indocumentados (415) 324-1011

Upcoming Events

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2016
Drive Thru – Legal Immigration Services
Partnering with other agencies

Vegan Outreach

San Mateo County Sheriff’s CARON Program was live. August 21.

Preguntas y respuestas de inmigración con Caridades Católicas

Welcome to your next chapter
Questions?

Please type your questions in the Chat area of your webinar screen

Send any follow-up questions to mrsconsult_shoff@usccb.org

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http://justiceforimmigrants.org/
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Seeking Asylum During the Coronavirus Pandemic
(October 14, 2020, at 2pm EST)

This panel will focus on the rapidly changing asylum landscape under the Trump Administration, with a special focus on the impact on protections from gender violence and limits to asylum. The panel will discuss policies and decisions from before and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the interplay and resulting effects for vulnerable migrant and refugee groups. We will also discuss the ways which Catholics and concerned individuals generally can support victims during this time and advocate for change.