Pastoral Migratoria

An Immigrant Social Ministry for Service and Justice Actions in Parish communities
USCCB: Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform (CCIR)

June 2005-Implementation of *Strangers No Longer*.

**Goals:**

*Educate* Catholics on the benefits of immigration and immigrants to our country

*Advocate* for legislation that promotes legal pathways for migrant workers and their families to migrate in a safe, humane and orderly manner

Organize Catholic legal service networks to *assist* immigrants in accessing the benefits of reforms
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How did it start?

2007 Failure of immigration reform

1. What is God’s message now that we immigrants need to live in state of uncertainty?

2. What can we do to help each other?
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What is it?

Pastoral Migratoria invites immigrants to respond to their baptismal call to be engaged in service and justice actions in parish communities.
Methodology – Pastoral Migratoria

- Listen
- Learn
- Proclaim

2008

Aparecida
V Conferencia General del Episcopado de América Latina y El Caribe
P. Mateo Garr S.J.
Phases of Pastoral Migratoria

- Formation
- Commissioning
- Implementation
# Formation Sessions

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Commissioning – Pastoral Migratoria

May God bless you abundantly as you participate in Immigrant Social Ministry (Pastoral Migratoria).

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
March 19, 2017
Areas of Implementation

- Service
- Accompaniment
- Justice
Implementation – Pastoral Migratoria

**Survey**: identify needs of parish community

Informational tables after Masses: brochures, hand outs

**Workshops**: on various topics i.e labor, immigration, housing, health, parenting, substance abuse, etc.

**Professional services/resources**: legal clinic, counseling services, filling out income taxes, etc.

Materials for informational tables

Consultations with Immigration Attorneys St. Odilo
**Community Service Actions 2016**

110 workshops delivered on temporary driver’s license, citizenship, labor, housing, financial literacy, detention/deportation, domestic violence, etc.

400 people received documentation on Saturday services as result of collaborative work with Consulate of Mexico.

250,000 materials distributed on DAPA, anti-fraud, housing, Consulate of Mexico, income tax, financial literacy etc.

PM Leaders organize a “Way to College” informational workshop to inform parents and students on how apply to college

PM Agents trained on the different processes for documentation for Mexicans.
Justice Actions 2015-2016

15,000 signatures were collected by 55 parishes/religious congregations asking President Obama to end family detention

100,000 printed postcards for immigration reform collected from 150 parishes

1,600 newly eligible participated in the USCCB’s Faithful Citizenship campaign

Leaders collect signatures/postcards from strategic places/groups

Faithful Citizenship Campaign
Voter registration drive at St. Gall
Accompaniment

Providing support to separated families
Praying on buses before deportation
Supporting workers on negotiations with employers/discerning on unions

Collection of stuffed animals for unaccompanied migrant children
PM leaders accompany Ruprech workers in their struggle for fair labor policies
Prayer at ICE Processing Center (last stop)
Legal Services
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Catholic Charities
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Chicago Legal Clinic

Financial Literacy
- Center for Economic Progress
- Jane Adams Resource Center

University Students
- Dominican University
- DePaul University
- Loyola University
- University of Illinois–Chicago

Housing
- Community-based Organizations
- Southwest Organizing Project
- The Resurrection Project

Labor
- Chicago Federation of Labor
- ARISE
- Latino Union
- Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
- Chicago Workers’ Collaborative

Health
- Catholic Charities
- Erie Family Center

Adult Vocational
- Instituto del Progreso Latino

Documentation
- Consulate of Mexico

Driver’s Licenses
- Secretary of State
Pastoral Migratoria and the Trump Administration

Rapid response – what is needed? January 2017

PM leaders are trained on how to accompany and listen to immigrant families in the Peace Circles
Pastors’ Orientation Executive Orders

Attorneys from collaborating organizations train pastors on how to respond to immigration/police related activities in Churches and Schools (March)
Peace Circles
2017

- 85 Peace Circles
- 55 Parishes
- 6000 people participated
- 77 Trained leaders
- 6 Collaborators
- 150 leaders trained as facilitators

Questions to share during Peace Circles
- What are the feelings you are experiencing as a result of latest executive actions?
- How do you see this reality from a faith standpoint? What do you think God is telling us in this reality?
- What actions can we take to respond to the needs of the community?

Pastoral Migratoria leaders lead a peace circles session.
Our Lady of the Mount Parish, Cicero IL

Peace Circle session
Most Precious Blood parish. Chicago IL
May 1
March for immigrant rights and dignity

Pastoral Migratoria leaders participate in the May 1 city-wide march singing and praying for dignity and solidarity for immigrants
Response to the Rescission of DACA

- Pope Francis’ statement
- Cardinal Blase Cupich’s letter to pastors
- Pastors invite Dreamers to dinner
Response to the Rescission of DACA

Campaign
- DACA Sundays
- Homilies
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Dreamers’ stories
- Educational material on DACA/DREAM Act
- Action– Supporting the DREAM Act
- Congressional visits to those opposing the DREAM Act
- Peace Circles with DACA families

Accompaniment & Prayer
Bi-Monthly Forum
Networks

- Immigration Parish Contacts (IPC's) 127 Parishes
- Priests for Justice for Immigrants Over 200 Priests
- Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry In 10 Parishes
- Pastoral Migratoria In 50 Hispanic Parishes
- Sisters & Brothers of Immigrants (SBI) 190 Sisters & Brothers 57 Religious Congregations
- Legal Team Legal Forums Articles Resources

www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org
Mercy will always be necessary,...Works of mercy must go hand in hand with the pursuit of true social justice, raising the living standard of citizens, and promoting them as agents of their own development.”

- Aparecida, 385 – Pope Francis
Archbishop Cupich

“Your work is a witness to our parishes . . . you’re not just operating for the migrants, you’re important for the whole future of the Archdiocese in making parishes much more vital . . . I am grateful for your work.”

-2016 National Migration Week