

Alliance for Immigrant & Refugee Support A Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish & St. Raymond of Pennafort Parish

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." — Matthew 25:35

A New Partnership Rooted in Faith

Members of St. Vincent's and St. Raymond's are now working together as one ministry dedicated to welcoming immigrants and refugees in our community. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite you to join us in this Gospel work of hospitality, accompaniment, and justice.

1. Direct Engagement With Immigrant Families

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers." — Hebrews 13:2

Ways to accompany families:

- Conversational English or ESL tutoring
- Meal planning, shopping, and food preparation
- Navigating public transportation
- Job skills support and job searches
- Accessing education, benefits, or medical care
- Escorting individuals to appointments
- Helping families find recreation and community activities

We also hope to host regular international gatherings where we share meals and learn from one another.



2. Immigrant Advocacy

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." — Proverbs 31:8

Immigration is complex, and many families face obstacles that no one should face alone. Our ministry connects parishioners with advocacy networks and organizations working for humane and just immigration policies. Join our monthly meetings to learn more.

Together, we welcome strangers and build a more compassionate community.

WHAT IS IMMIGRATION?



Immigration is a process through which people move from their birth country to another and they become permanent residents or citizens of their new country.

When immigrants arrive to a new country they are classified in the following categories: citizens, permanent or conditional residents, non-immigrants, and undocumented immigrants.

People may choose to immigrate for a variety of reasons, such as employment or educational, to escape from a war, environmental factors, or to reunite with their family.

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3. Financial & Material Support

"If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing... what good is it?" — James 2:16

As we build relationships with families, we learn their real life needs — transportation, medical bills, legal fees, daily essentials, and more. We work with parish resources to respond where we can.



4. Learn More

- St. Raymond of Pennafort: <https://www.saintraymond.net/refugeesupport>
- St. Vincent de Paul: <https://www.saint-vincent-church.org/new-sanctuary-movement-committee/>



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