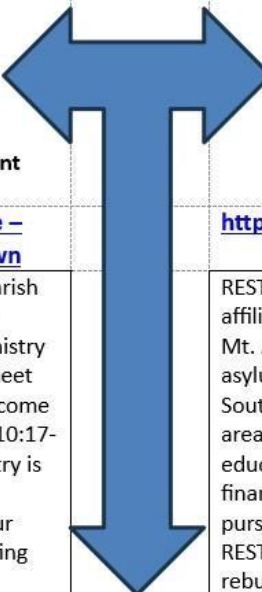


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Share a meal with St. Vincent's NSM committee and St. Raymond's R.E.S.T.

Saturday October 10, 2026 in the Brother Al Center from noon to 3 PM. The Brother Al Center is the building behind St. Vincent's Catholic Church 109 East Price Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19144

Somethings happening here...

		
St. Vincent's New Sanctuary Movement committee		REST in Philly Refugee Empowerment Support Team
<u>New Sanctuary Movement Committee – St.Vincent de Paul Church, Germantown</u>		<u>https://www.saintraymond.net/refugeesupport</u>
We are a ministry of St. Vincent De Paul Parish that collaborates with the New Sanctuary Movement (NSM) of Philadelphia. The ministry guides the parishioners of St. Vincent to meet the objectives of the NSM. That is, we welcome the stranger in the spirit of Deuteronomy 10:17-21 and Mathew 25:31-40. Today our country is going through a difficult time because of opposition to refugees and immigrants. Our proposal is to support the NSM by promoting their efforts, programs and actions.		REST in Philly, established in 2017, is a social ministry affiliated with St. Raymond of Penafort Church in East Mt. Airy. Its mission is to walk alongside refugees and asylum seekers from Africa, the Middle East, and South America as they resettle in the Philadelphia area. REST provides vital support in areas such as education, healthcare, employment, housing, and finances, helping families achieve independence and pursue citizenship. Through its dedicated efforts, REST fosters hope and new beginnings for those rebuilding their lives in a welcoming community.
Recent discussion between these two groups resulted in a decision to merge and work together. United we stand. Will you join us as we welcome the stranger, advocate for immigrants, provide hospitality, accompany individuals with tasks to help them integrate into new surroundings.		

Please join us, bring something to share for the meal if you are able, bring a friend or two and ask questions you may have about this initiative. St. Vincent's New Sanctuary Movement committee and St. Raymonds Refuge Empowerment Support Team are now a unified ministry. Please talk with members of the ministry team. We usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM. Let us know if you would like more information.

We are planning a short presentation and giving time for questions. If there is enough interest, we can have regular meals together including presentations about different countries and/or cultures. Do you have suggestions for other countries to learn about?

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Yes, I support the ministry of the New Sanctuary Movement committee at St. Vincent's and the way St. Raymond's R.E.S.T. (Refugee Empowerment Support Team) program has welcomed and supported refugees.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parish/Organization: _____

Please check off items you are interested in.

☐ Direct engagement with immigrant families (see examples below and circle ones of interest to you)

1. Conversational English or ESL tutoring
2. Meal planning, shopping, and food preparation
3. Navigating public transportation
4. Job skills support and job searches
5. Accessing education, benefits, or medical care
6. Escorting individuals to appointments
7. Helping families find recreation and community activities

☐ Immigrant advocacy

☐ Financial and material support

☐ Other – please explain

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