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# Newsletter St. Vincent de Paul New Sanctuary Movement Committee

## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

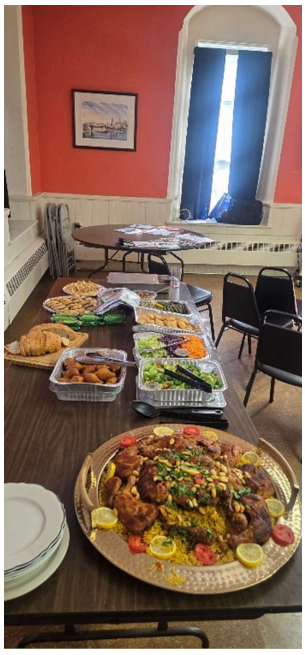
ST. VINCENT PARISHIONERS AND ST. RAYMOND PARISHIONERS have been getting to know one another. Each parish is doing something important, but we need help. There's tremendous need among newcomers from around the world. But today governments are hostile to refugees and immigrants. **Refugee families** are struggling to adapt to a new language, to a new culture, to new everything. **Undocumented immigrants** are trying to stay out of the crosshairs of the ICE deportation machine and keep their family structure intact.





**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH ◀◀◀ ▶▶▶ ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT PARISH**

Meal and meeting in the Brother Al Center



So, we came together on Saturday, October 10, 2026 for a potluck lunch, presentation and sharing. It was grand! The lunch was out-of-this-world and the presentations and sharing were current and meaningful. Here's what happened:

First, Pastor Tre Ford spoke for the New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia (NSM). He has been employed for almost a year to reach out to and coordinate the faith communities allied with the NSM. There are currently 33 faith allied congregations. Pastor Tre spoke animatedly of the collaborative effort of the two parishes. The St. Vincent NSM committee and R.E.S.T. (**R**efugee **E**mpowerment **S**upport Team) of St Raymond parish, hope to combine efforts on behalf of refugees and undocumented immigrants.

St. Vincent parishioner Dan McVay showed a UN Refugee Agency video illustrating the obstacles refugees face to find safety. Dan and Siobhan McVay are active in aiding refugees through the ongoing work of St.



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Raymond Parish. Lenny Thompson illustrated the history of the St. Vincent New Sanctuary Movement committee through photos going back to 2014 and described the ongoing work of the committee.

What we hope will happen is that we can combine the support of refugee families and the defense of undocumented immigrants. Let us know if you are interested in joining in.

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