

WHAT IS PASTORAL MIGRATORIA?

Pastoral Migratoria is a ministry that invites immigrants to respond to their baptismal call to be engaged in service and justice actions in their parish communities.

HOW CAN I ORGANIZE A PEACE CIRCLE IF I DON'T HAVE PASTORAL MIGRATORIA IN MY PARISH?

Identify the needs of your community and speak to your pastor to approve the event.

Contact our ministry to coordinate with our partners and organizations.

RESOURCES PROMOTED AT INFORMATION TABLES

We provide information on topics of interest for the community and on non-profit organizations

We connect families who are experiencing deportations with available resources

We refer people to non-profit organizations that provide assistance

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"A Peace Circle is to 'come out of myself' to listen to 'you' and together build a 'we.'"

—**Rosalba Ascencio**, St. Gall

"I saw wonderful things that night at the Peace Circle, it was a great way to end my day with the information that was shared. I noticed there was a feeling of peace, faith, and hope in the atmosphere."

—**Martha Suarez**, Cristo Rey, Waukegan, Illinois

To learn more visit us at catholicsandimmigrants.org or on Facebook at [office.for.immigrant.affairs/](https://www.facebook.com/office.for.immigrant.affairs/)

The Immigration Ministry invites immigrants to respond to the baptismal commitment to engage in service and justice actions as leaders in the parish community.

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IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

PEACE CIRCLES

A Place Where People Share Their Challenges and Hopes Through Faith



WHAT IS A PEACE CIRCLE?

It is a pastoral exercise that allows people to share their challenges, fears, and hopes in a safe and trusting environment. It leads a person to analyze through their faith what is happening in an environment of compassion.

COMPONENTS OF A PEACE CIRCLE

Pastoral: Share experiences as a group exercise

Information: Legal presentations by immigration attorneys or by the Mexican Consulate

Social: Community resources to respond to the needs of immigrant people

COLLABORATORS IN PEACE CIRCLES

NIJC (National Immigrant Justice Center)

CLC (Chicago Legal Clinic)

CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)

AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Network of Illinois)

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago and other Central and South American consulates

PROCESS OF A PEACE CIRCLE

1. People will join small groups to share the following questions:
What feelings are you experiencing?
What is God's message with everything that is happening?
What actions can we organize to respond to the needs of the community?
2. Secondly, there is a presentation by a lawyer or qualified staff on issues relevant to the community: Know Your Rights, immigration, deportation, Guardianship, mental health, etc.
3. Finally, the Consulate of Mexico or another consulate from Latin America offers information regarding consular services for the community.

BENEFITS OF A PEACE CIRCLE

Accompaniment: Participants express their fears and worries within the faith context while forming support networks to face their challenges as a family in Christ.

Information: The presentations provide relevant and trustworthy information on topics that affect the lives of immigrant families.

Develop Leadership: Peace Circles exhort people to actively participate in their parish communities and respond to their baptismal call to serve and work for justice.



Círculo de la Paz en Nuestra Señora del Monte después de las elecciones de 2016 Peace Circle at Our Lady of the Mount after the 2016 election.