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Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity—Immigration Ministry

Annual Review 2016

United in Mercy



“I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” —MATTHEW 25:35



Bishop John Manz celebrates Mass with over 100 Hispanic lay leaders at the conclusion of the 8th annual *Pastoral Migratoria* retreat.

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This report provides an overview of our ministry during fiscal year 2016 (July 2015–June 2016).

Dear Friends,

This year has been a year of changes, of transition, of starting a new path—a renewed path—with the assurance of God’s presence and companionship just as when Jesus joined the two disciples who were disheartened while walking to Emmaus.

During National Migration Week in January, our office met with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich to share with him how our Immigrant Social Ministries, *Pastoral Migratoria* and the Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, along with our partners and collaborators, have been educating, advocating, and empowering the immigrant parish community since 2005. His response was “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’m grateful to your work.”

I understood his comments more fully in February when he introduced *Renew My Church* as an invitation for Catholics to go back to our roots—even with the challenges we, as an institution, now face—to become a Church of the people living our faith as missionary disciples, transforming ourselves and society as Jesus calls us to do.

Cardinal Cupich also said, “*Pastoral Migratoria* has the matrix of a parish with vitality because you work on lay leadership, you are responding the needs of the community and you’re working collaboratively internally and externally.” He recognized that our Immigrant Social Ministry is rooted in the *Aparecida* (a 2008 document whose main architect was Pope Francis when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires) which calls us to respond with service, accompaniment, and justice actions to the needs of our parish communities.

As a result of the reorganization in the archdiocese, our Immigration Ministry is now part of the Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity. Our mission is the same and we are growing! We are blessed to have Cardinal Cupich’s continued support in expanding our Immigrant Social Ministry to the national level (see page 13.)

The journey for immigration reform is tougher than ever before. There are more rocks to pass. However, we are still together—**United In Mercy**—we have each other and Jesus is walking, inviting us to intimate conversation as in the route to Emmaus.

Thank you for your faithful companionship and for not giving up! Your bountiful generosity carries us to continue the journey, and for immigrants to be participants in their development, offering their gifts to our country which they call home. Please keep us in your prayers.

Peace,

Elena Segura, Associate Director and Senior Coordinator of Immigration

“Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself.”

—**Pope Francis**



Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry leaders from **Sacred Heart Mission** hold their certificates after their commissioning service.

Elisabeth McHugh is a new Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry (PIIM) leader at St. Thomas of Villanova. She immigrated from Poland over 50 years ago for a better future and her biggest challenge was learning English. Elisabeth said she became a ministry leader because, **“I wanted to help people in my community while they adjust to a new country and culture... getting involved in the ‘Year of Divine Mercy’ means taking the action of helping other people.”** After meeting PIIM Liaison Gosia Antoniak and other speakers, and experiencing their personal faith and spirituality, Elisabeth’s own faith and spirituality was strengthened. Elisabeth says: **“My dream is to be able to continue using my talents to help my fellow immigrants.”**

Mission & Goals

We, the Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity—Immigration Ministry (formerly the Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education) engage the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Chicago in the mission of Jesus Christ to build communion between immigrants and non-immigrants; and to welcome, empower, and promote immigrants in their formation and integration as full members of society and as people of faith in the one family of God. To accomplish this mission, our goals are to:

- **Educate** Catholics and the general public regarding the basic human dignity of every immigrant and the benefits of immigrants and immigration to our nation.
- **Advocate** for compassionate immigration reform and for humane treatment of immigrant detainees and deportees, according to the principles of the U.S. Catholic bishops.
- **Educate** the undocumented community to safeguard its basic rights and family unity.
- **Empower** immigrants through a foundation of biblical reflection to participate in and transform their own communities through ministries of leadership formation, service, justice, and accompaniment.

Our Partners

Priests for Justice for Immigrants (PJI)

Since 2005, over **200** local clergy have stood in solidarity with immigrants and engaged in education, pastoral care, and legislative advocacy.

Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants (SBI)

Since 2007, members of **54** religious orders have engaged in prayer, pastoral care at detention centers, support of separated families, education, public witness, and legislative action.

Immigration Parish Coordinators (IPC)

Parish leaders in **127** native-born congregations work for immigrant justice by leading parish educational events, local advocacy actions, and immigrant empowerment activities, including multi-cultural efforts.

Pastoral Migratoria and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry (PIIM)

Over **250** leaders in more than 50 Hispanic and Polish parishes respond to their baptismal call to be engaged in service and justice actions in their parish communities.

Educate

Converting Hearts and Minds Towards Immigrants



Nydia Rodriguez, *Pastoral Migratoria* leader from St. Frances of Rome Church, speaks to immersion participants from Maryknoll Mission Parish.

Dominic Surya of Catholic Students Association and Calvert House, along with other students from the Catholic Center from the University of Illinois at Chicago, participated in an immersion retreat to learn and reflect on issues of immigration: **“The Immigration Ministry brings a wealth of connections to leaders, organizations, and churches which attracts a full range of students that we do not reach with Mass or other activities... from recent suburban high school grads to Latin American doctoral candidates.”** Students learned about the challenges undocumented people face and how they can practice Catholic Social Teaching. They met with immigrants, clergy, and community leaders. Dominic said: **“They inspired all of us to value our faith in these polarized times.”**

“It is important to view migrants not only on the basis of their status as regular or irregular, but above all as people whose dignity is to be protected and who are capable of contributing to progress and the general welfare.” —Pope Francis

Building Awareness and Dialogue

Our educational activities concentrated on bringing awareness of the immigrant experience and promoting immigration justice and rights, especially amid the very contentious and rhetoric-filled presidential primary season. Our work included developing and disseminating liturgical and education resources such as Sunday bulletin ads, homily and intercession suggestions, immigration prayer services, and ministry aids for National Migration Week, Advent, and Lent. *Inmigracion y Su Parroquia (Immigration and Your Parish)* allows pastors and *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders to access resources from our website.

We implemented and expanded new education and immersion programs for youth and young adults in high schools and universities. This included a discussion panel consisting of a judge, attorneys, and a *Pastoral Migratoria* leader at Saint Xavier University, and immersion retreats (visiting a *Pastoral Migratoria* parish, meeting migrant day laborers and a presentation at our ministry office) for students at Holy Trinity and De LaSalle high schools, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ministry network leaders met with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich and presented their work to him. The Cardinal stated that the lay leadership, outreach and collaborative work of our immigrant social ministries, *Pastoral Migratoria* and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, comprise a pastoral model for his vision of church and vitality.

By the Numbers...

200 local high school and university students participated in youth/young adult immersion retreats or discussions

175 parishes printed monthly bulletin ads and “calls to action” about immigration

30 network leaders dialogued with Cardinal Cupich about their ministries

120 pastors in Hispanic parish have access to immigrant education resources for their community

352 parishes received educational inserts, reflection guides, digital aids and other resources promoting National Migration Week

8 Polish radio/television stations and newspapers communicated about immigration issues aided by PIIMs



University of Illinois at Chicago students gather during an immersion retreat at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Des Plaines, Illinois.



Enrique Valdovinos from St. Viator church takes notes at a *Pastoral Migratoria* bi-monthly *foro* (forum).

Advocate

Seeking Justice for Immigrants



Pastoral Migratoria leaders **Yuridia Carbajal** from Most Blessed Trinity and **Sandra Salazar** from St. Maria del Popolo speak about the Immigrant Social Ministry on Radio Maria USA.

Maria de los Reyes and a group of other *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders from St. Francis of Rome Parish heard the call to help their community after the Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) law passed in Illinois. Immigrants were spending countless hours calling and going online trying to get an appointment to process their TVDL license. Maria discovered some were being taken advantage of: **“Driving schools were charging immigrants up to \$400 just to get an appointment... something had to be done!”** *Pastoral Migratoria* organized ‘Calling Days’, starting as early as 4 a.m., and were able to make appointments for dozens of people in their community for no charge. Parishioners remarked, **“It was Maria’s passion for justice that helped make a difference in their lives.”**

“Please, they are our brothers! A Christian excludes no one, gives a place to everyone, allows everyone to come.” —Pope Francis

Supporting Immigrant Rights

To commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform, our ministry held prayer vigils at three worship sites—Holy Name Cathedral, Holy Family, and UIC Newman Center—to bring attention to the issues of family separation, detention/incarceration, and moral indifference in our society. Pilgrimages then followed to Federal Plaza in the Loop for a large joint prayer service celebrated by Auxiliary Bishops John Manz and Alberto Rojas. The pilgrimage was held prior to Pope Francis’ visit to the United States, to highlight his impassioned voice about immigration.

Other advocacy actions included petitioning President Obama to end family detention, supporting legislation of the *Illinois Student ACCESS Bill* (allowing undocumented students to be candidates for state-based aid at Illinois universities) and the *All Kids Act* (providing universal prekindergarten programs to support infants and toddlers).

We also implemented *Faithful Citizenship* to guide and teach about the political responsibility of Catholics. *Faithful Citizenship* featured presentations, discussions, voter registration drives, and citizenship workshops in parishes and schools throughout Chicago and suburbs.

By the Numbers. . .

500 people joined in a pilgrimage and prayer vigil commemorating 10 years on the journey for immigration reform

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

200 network priests and **54** religious orders signed a message for Pope Francis for when he visited the U.S.

60 Hispanic parishes participated in the USCCB’s *Faithful Citizenship* campaign

1,600 newly eligible immigrants registered to vote at over **30** parishes/high schools

150 people walked in the 10th annual *Posada* for immigration reform



DREAMers receive resource information at **St. Gall Church**.



Micaela Castro, *Pastoral Migratoria* leader from Our Lady of the Mount, promoting voter registration as part of the *Faithful Citizenship* campaign.

Empower

Transforming Communities through Immigrant Leadership



An Illinois Student Assistance Commission representative speaks at a *Pastoral Migratoria* Lake County Foro (Forum) at **Most Blessed Trinity Parish** on preparing for college.

Nydia Rodriguez has been an active *Pastoral Migratoria* leader at St. Frances of Rome for over a year. After seeing an announcement about the Immigrant Social Ministry in her church bulletin, she said: **“I felt God’s call to serve my immigrant community.”** Nydia has participated in campaigns encouraging legal permanent residents to become U.S. citizens and she has helped organize local workshops and prayer vigils. Nydia also participates in the Broadview Detention Ministry which focuses on accompanying people who are in the process of deportation, **“One of the highlights of this ministry is the opportunity to be with my brothers and sisters who are about to be deported. It really moves my heart.”**

“The current problem of immigration makes this clear. . . . Instead of raising walls, we need to be building bridges.” —Pope Francis

Transforming the Lives of Immigrants Everyday

Our immigrant social ministries, *Pastoral Migratoria* and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, are now in over 50 parishes in the Chicago metropolitan area. Immigrant leaders are trained and empowered to offer their gifts through service and justice actions to respond to their parish community’s needs. They provide information tables and organize with social agencies to conduct workshops covering a wide range of topics, including DACA/DAPA, domestic violence, *Faithful Citizenship*, fair trade, financial literacy, health/nutrition, labor rights, nutrition, parenting, and substance abuse.

Pastoral Migratoria strengthened its relationship with the Consulate of Mexico by working together on several events. They collaborated with the consulate for two *Jornada Sabatinas* (Saturday Workshops) that enabled immigrants to enroll and receive official IDs, passports, or birth certificates. St. Maria del Popolo in Mundelein and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Des Plaines both hosted *Consulado Movil* (Mobil Consulates) that served hundreds of people. On Mother’s Day, leaders collaborated with the National Heart Association to provide information on heart health for women.

The Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry grew this year and now has a strong presence in six Polish parishes, with lay leaders taking on expanded leadership roles in organizing and facilitating workshops, trainings, and retreats.

By the Numbers. . .

250,000 materials were distributed about workers’ rights, financial literacy, health, deportation, parenting, etc.

110 workshops were given in Hispanic parishes about temporary driver’s licenses, DACA, DAPA, health, citizenship, etc.

10 Polish parishes gave workshops about parenting, substance abuse, relationships, health, legal rights, etc.

750 people helped in “Saturday Workshops” through the Consulate of Mexico

65 lay leaders were trained to implement the *Faithful Citizenship* campaign in Hispanic parishes

100 lay leaders, representing **26** parishes, participated in the 7th annual *Pastoral Migratoria* retreat



Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry leaders from **St. Ferdinand Parish** hold their certificates after their commissioning service.



Jose Torres, *Pastoral Migratoria* Partnership Coordinator, meeting with Consul Carlos Valera from the Consulate of Mexico and *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders during a *Jornada Sabatina* (Saturday Workshop).

Accompany

Transforming Communities through Immigrant Leadership



Supporters participate in a pilgrimage and prayer vigil to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform.

Damasia Contreras, a *Pastoral Migratoria* leader at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish, has helped many immigrant families in her community by connecting them with all kinds of resources, but one day she found herself in need. In May of 2016, agents picked up Damasia's husband and began the deportation process. *Pastoral Migratoria* connected her with an attorney, but unfortunately, two months later her husband was deported. Shortly afterwards, her eldest child died of pneumonia complications. Damasia said, **"*Pastoral Migratoria* was now helping me during this difficult time with donations, accompaniment, and resources."** That same week her own immigration case was approved and her Permanent Resident Card soon arrived. Damasia said, **"It was a miracle from God... I was blessed to have *Pastoral Migratoria* walk the journey with me."**

“They are human people, I stress this, who are appealing for solidarity and assistance, who need urgent action but also and above all understanding and kindness. God is good, let us imitate God.” —Pope Francis

Responding Together to Basic Needs

Every Friday morning we collaborated with the interfaith community to support and promote the humane treatment of immigrant detainees. Our ministry offers emotional support to families at the Broadview Detention Center as they witness their loved ones leaving for deportation. In addition, on the fourth Friday of the month, *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders provided one-on-one prayers and pastoral care on the deportation buses as those being deported awaited to leave.

Immigration Parish Coordinators (IPCs)—parish leaders from native-born congregations—collected hundreds of coats and shoes for immigrants about to be deported. In addition, Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry (PIIM) leaders from Sacred Heart Mission collaborated with the Marytown Prison Ministry to collect and donate 1,500 books and magazines for prison detainees.

We celebrated the ten year anniversary of our annual *Posada*, a Hispanic tradition of reenacting Mary and Joseph’s search for lodging in Bethlehem. Hundreds of supporters gathered in downtown Chicago to walk and pray in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers, who—just as the Holy Family sought a place to stay—are seeking legislative shelter. On Christmas Eve, Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant leaders from St. Ferdinand parish served dinner to homeless Polish immigrants.

By the Numbers...

550 coats were collected and delivered to the Broadview Detention Center

6 Hispanic and **6** native-born parishes celebrated together in “Immersion *Posadas*”

4,000 rosaries were shared with families at the Broadview Detention Center

20 families of deported loved ones were connected to parishes with *Pastoral Migratoria*

500 homeless Polish immigrants were provided a Christmas dinner



Network representatives lead the 10th annual *Posada* for immigration reform in downtown Chicago.



Volunteers sort coats collected for detainees at Broadview Detention Center.



Gosia Antoniuk, PIIM Liaison, helped collect books for the Marytown Prison Ministry.

Voices United

“ We have to **express our faith for the good of all people.**”

—**Bishop John Manz**, Vicariate IV, Archdiocese of Chicago

“ ***Pastoral Migratoria* is the true Christian spirit** in which we are not only worried about salvation, but also caring for the well-being of our neighbors.”

—**Deacon Javier Pineda**, St. Turibius Parish

“ As *Pastoral Migratoria* leaders, **we have an ultimate goal, and that is to help our community through our service.**

My hope is that we take *Pastoral Migratoria* to every state so we can reach more people than we already have.”

—**Olga Zapata**, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Francis of Rome Parish

“ The **Jubilee Year of Mercy** has given me the grace to continue to take action in native-born parishes that have been part of my life for years during this time of division.”

—**Dan McGuire**, Immigration Parish Coordinator (IPC),
Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church

“ In my community many people were fearful. Now they feel empowered because they have been educated through *Pastoral Migratoria*. **It always makes me happy when I'm there to inform and foster change, even if it's just one person at a time.**”

—**Cecilia Garcia**, *Pastoral Migratoria*, St. Rita of Cascia

Our Immigrant Social Ministry is Growing

Pastoral Migratoria's National Pilot Initiative

Over the past few years *Pastoral Migratoria* has been contemplating how to share its unique, parish-based immigrant leadership formation program with dioceses and parishes around the country. In 2015, a grant from the SC Ministry Foundation in Cincinnati, Ohio helped *Pastoral Migratoria* to lay the groundwork for this effort through the development of a comprehensive plan with the goal of launching *Pastoral Migratoria's* program in three new diocesan sites each year, over the next three years.

In June 2016, Elena Segura, Associate Director and Senior Coordinator for Immigration, visited Sacred Heart Parish in Patterson, California, a town of 20,000 located two hours south of Sacramento in a beautiful agricultural valley with a large migrant community. She was warmly received by Rev. Rex Hays, CM, a Vincentian priest and pastor of the parish, and by many parishioners anticipating that they would be chosen for the first pilot site.

During her visit to Patterson, California, Elena held a series of intensive information meetings with different parish groups, attended Masses, and met with Catholic Charities, Catholic Family Movement, PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) National Network, and other community organizations. She also had a meeting with Bishop Stephen Blaire of Stockton, California, who along with five pastors from the surrounding area expressed their support for *Pastoral Migratoria*.

The Western Province of the Vincentian community—as part of their own five-year strategic change initiative—eagerly embraced the *Pastoral Migratoria* National Pilot initiative and has committed to make a substantial investment of financial and in-kind resources.



Elena Segura with **Rev. Rex Hays, CM**, pastor at Sacred Heart Parish and **Bishop Stephen Blaire** of Stockton, California.

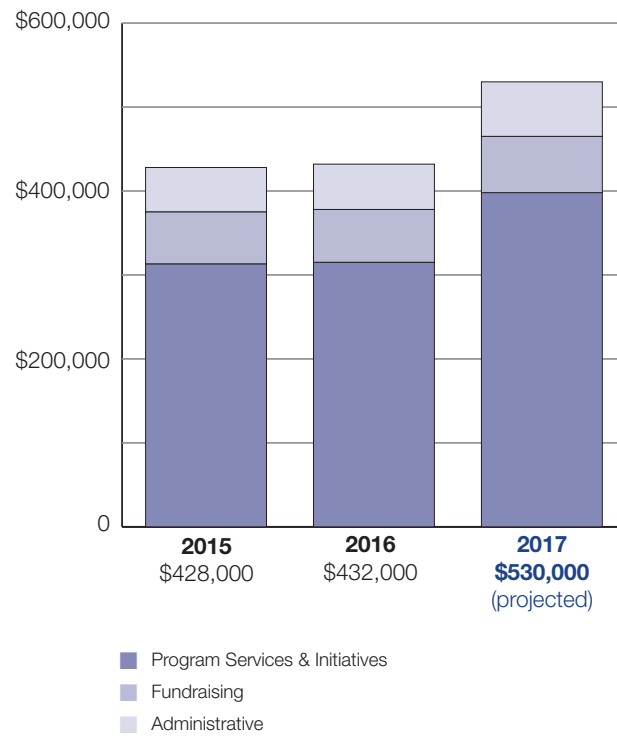


Elena Segura with parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish in Patterson, California.

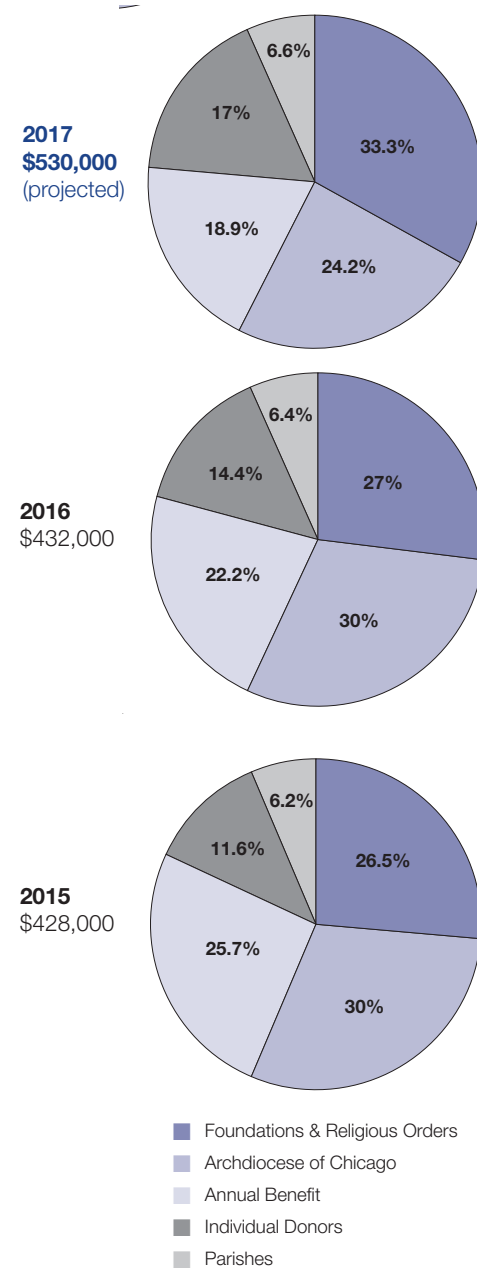
Statistics

2015–2017

Expenses



Revenue



Donors

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A Silver Lining Foundation
ACTA Foundation
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Claretian Missionaries
Dr. Scholl Foundation
Felician Sisters
Franciscan Sisters of Chicago
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters
John Joseph Sigstein Foundation
Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo
Our Sunday Visitor Institute
Philip H. Corboy Foundation
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School Sisters of St. Francis U.S. Province
Sisters of the Living Word
Society of the Divine Word
Society of the Precious Blood Missionaries
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Chicago
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Chicago
Our Lady of the Mount Parish, Cicero
St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Chicago
St. Clement Church, Chicago
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lake Zurich
St. Gall Parish, Chicago
St. James Parish, Arlington Heights
St. Jerome Church, Chicago
St. John Bosco Parish, Chicago
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St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Chicago
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St. Paul, Chicago Heights
St. Priscilla Parish, Chicago
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Enhances communications, encourages collaboration, and supports the overall mission of the ministry in parishes.

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Immigration Parish Coordinator Task Force (native-born parishes)

Educates on the Gospel message of welcoming the stranger through brochures, bulletin announcements, liturgical calendars, speakers, and immersion experiences.

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Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry Committee

Enhances communications, encourages collaboration, and supports the overall mission of the ministry in Polish speaking parishes.

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Jan Motyka, Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission
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Ryszard Skrzeczyna, St. James
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Supports the planning and outreach for fundraising efforts.

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Jay R. Franke, Assumption Church
Mark Goebel, OHDS—Immigration Ministry
Virginia Grosh, Blessed Sacrament
Monica Leiva, Holy Rosary
Dan McGuire, Mary Seat of Wisdom
Elena Segura, OHDS—Immigration Ministry
Allen Shoenberger, Loyola University School of Law
Antonietta Simonian, Lake County Sheriff's Office
Leticia Tait, Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst
Jose Torres, OHDS—Immigration Ministry
Michael Warrell, Design Solutions

Legal Committee

Provides legal education and outreach to immigrants and native-born parishes through workshops, articles, and group discussions by attorneys specializing in immigration issues.

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Royal Berg, St. Peter's in the Loop
Judge Tom Donnelly, Queen of Angels
Sr. Bernadine Karge, OP, Dominican Sisters
Olga Rojas, Office of Legal Services
Caroline Shoenberger, Chicago Legal Clinic
Susan Schreiber, CLINIC

Collaborators

8th Day Center for Justice
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American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Jewish Committee
Anti-Defamation League
ARISE Chicago
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Catholic Conference of Illinois
Catholic Lawyers Guild
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Catholic Relief Services
Catholic Theological Union
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Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
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DePaul University Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic
Dominican University
Eastern Illinois University
Erie Family Health Center
Hispanic Access Foundation
Hispanic Attorneys Association
Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Department of Labor
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Illinois Secretary of State's Office
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants
Interfaith Leadership Project
Interfaith Worker Justice
Instituto del Progreso Latino
Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
Julia Center
Justice for Immigrants—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Latino Policy Forum
Latino Union
Legal Assistance Foundation
Lewis University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
Maryville Academy
National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities
National Immigration Justice Center
Northeastern Illinois University
Northside Community Federal Credit Union
Office of the Governor, Springfield, Illinois
Polish American Association
Polish Catholic League
The Resurrection Project
Roosevelt University
Saint Augustine College
Saint Joseph Seminary
Saint Xavier University
Sanford Brown College
Scalabrini International Migration Network
Southwest Organizing Project
Taller San Jose
Triton College
University of Illinois at Chicago

Award Recipients

We are grateful for the work of leaders in our community who have dedicated their lives and service to the advancement of justice for immigrants and comprehensive immigration reform. In 2016 we honored:

[Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

Rev. Michael J. Boehm
Posthumous

[Strangers No Longer Award](#)

Rev. Donald J. Nevins
Pastor, St. Agnes of Bohemia

[Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Award](#)

Sr. Bernadine Karge, OP

[Journey to Emmaus Award](#)

Eileen Griffin
Immigration Parish Coordinator,
Mary of the Woods

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