

Areas of Ministry (Implementation)

1. *Service*: information tables, workshops (labor, immigration, health, etc.) and resources.
2. *Accompaniment*: support to families separated by detention/deportation or isolation.
3. *Justice*: actions to support/implement driver's licenses, deferred action, labor rights, immigration reform, etc.

Methodology

Listen {See}

- What is happening in our reality today?

Learn {Judge}

- How do we read this reality through the lens of Scripture and Catholic social teaching?

Proclaim {Act}

- How do we bring the reign of God to this reality? (e.g. dignity, compassion, justice, charity, and peace)

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"Mercy will always be necessary,...Works of mercy must go hand in hand with the pursuit of true social justice, raising the living standard of citizens, and promoting them as agents of their own development."

- Aparecida, 385

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PASTORAL MIGRATORIA

Immigrant Social Ministry



**An Immigrant Leadership
Ministry for Service and
Justice Actions in
Parish Communities**

Foundation of Pastoral Migratoria

When immigration reform failed to pass the Senate in 2007, and it became apparent there would be no legislative reform in the near future, Chicago's immigrant faith community wondered (1) What is God's intention now that immigrants need to live in a state of uncertainty, and (2) What can they do to help one another?

In response to these questions, Hispanic Pastoral Migratoria and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry were born in 2008.



Pastoral agents are commissioned at St. Joseph in Round Lake IL. after completing their formation.

Mission

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

Pastoral Migratoria & Pope Francis

This ministry advances the integration of immigrants in society, while providing the opportunity to connect their faith and lives as immigrants in this country.

It is grounded in the methodology of Aparecida, the 2007 document developed by the Latin American Bishops under (now) Pope Francis's leadership. (see back for methodology)

"I thank Pastoral Migratoria for helping us see that we can be true leaders in our community."

- José Zuniga, Pastoral Migratoria, St. Jerome

Phases of Pastoral Migratoria

Formation: New leaders complete a series of seven Pastoral Migratoria formation modules based in Catholic social teaching and the listen-learn-proclaim (see-judge-act) methodology.

Commissioning: These pastoral agents are introduced to their parish community during a commissioning mass.

Implementation: Pastoral agents identify the needs of their community and respond, working in collaboration with community organizations/partners (e.g. immigration, labor, housing, substance abuse, financial literacy).



Administrative Relief information forum after mass at St. Benedict, Blue Island, IL.

Where is Pastoral Migratoria?

Over **200** leaders (pastoral agents) are involved in **40** Hispanic parishes. We are also in **6** Polish parishes.



Pastoral Migratoria leaders facilitating an information table at St. Cecilia.

PASTORAL MIGRATORIA BY THE NUMBERS... Service / Accompaniment

- **60** workshops (e.g. labor, foreclosures, domestic violence, parenting skills) coordinated by pastoral agents in 2014.
- **4,300** immigrants participated in **49** information sessions on temporary driver's licenses, organized by the pastoral agents in 2014.
- **450** people received passports and Mexican IDs as a result of a pilot collaborative with the Consulate of Mexico.
- **748** people received documentation through the "Consulado Móvil" in a suburban area (50 miles from Chicago) in 2015.
- Collected **2,400** stuffed animals for unaccompanied immigrant children.
- **187** children sent messages to unaccompanied immigrant children in New York.
- **2,300** people in **35** Parishes participated in information forums on Administrative Relief after masses in 2015.
- **60,000** information materials on Fraud Prevention and Administrative Relief were distributed in 2015.

Advocacy

- **100,000** printed postcards for immigration reform from **150** parishes were collected/delivered to Illinois senators and local representatives in 2013.
- **18** congressional visits were organized/assisted by pastoral agents and non-immigrant supporters of immigration reform since 2013.
- **80** Hispanic parishes participated in *Faithful Citizenship* including education, voter registration, and Get Out to Vote in 2014.
- **15,000** signatures were collected from 55 parishes and religious congregations to end family detention in 2015.