

DAUGHTERS *of* CHARITY

OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, USA



Corporate Stance on Immigration Advocacy

We, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of the United States and Canada, embracing Biblical tradition and Catholic Social Teaching, commit to promoting policies and actions in our society that welcome, protect, promote and integrate immigrants*. We will do this by:

1. **Educating** ourselves and others by:
 - a. learning about the issues faced by immigrants
 - b. offering opportunities for others to learn with us to increase empathy
 - c. drawing attention to root causes of immigration and the local issues in our communities
2. **Acting** with our legislators against unjust policies by advocating for:
 - a. an immigration process that keeps families together and includes a path to citizenship
 - b. comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform
 - c. due process for all immigrants
 - d. the protection of human rights for immigrants at the border, in detention and those living without legal documentation in the US
 - e. an increase in the number of persons allowed to immigrate each year.
3. **Collaborating** with others to:
 - a. combat racism and promote justice for immigrants
 - b. celebrate the cultural richness of immigrants
 - c. create networks which support immigrants in all stages of their process
 - d. seek opportunities to welcome, accompany and support immigrants using the resources we have to offer
4. **Praying** in solidarity with immigrants

*“immigrants” refers to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants