

# About the Campaign

*The Justice for Immigrants: A Journey of Hope* campaign designed to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of good faith in support of comprehensive immigration reform. Its goal will be to maximize the Church's influence on this issue, consistent with the immigration reform principles enunciated in the bishops' pastoral letter, *Strangers No Longer: A Journey of Hope*.

The Campaign's primary objectives are:

- ✦ To educate the public, especially the Catholic community, including Catholic public officials, about Church teaching on migration and immigrants;
- ✦ To create political will for positive immigration reform;
- ✦ To enact legislative and administrative reforms based on the principles articulated by the bishops; and
- ✦ To organize Catholic networks to assist qualified immigrants obtain the benefits of the reforms.

"We need a strong and clear immigration policy. It must serve our country's security and prosperity and at the same time be based on the moral values on which all our lives must ultimately rest. We must never forget the Gospel call of Jesus — to welcome the stranger — for in the face of this stranger, we see the face of Christ."

— His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick,  
Archbishop of Washington  
June 2, 2005, Editorial in the *Catholic Standard*,  
"To be Clear"

## THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM PARTICIPATING NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

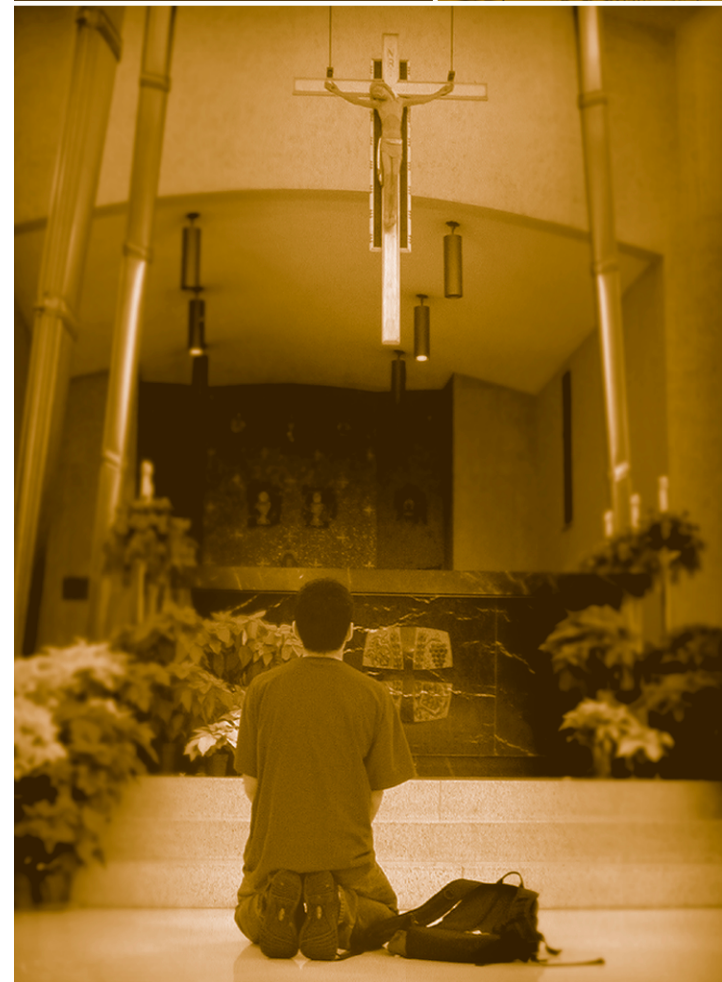
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Catholic Charities USA  
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Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.  
Catholic Migrant Farm worker Network  
Catholic Relief Services  
Conference of Major Superiors of Men  
Domestic Social Development  
International Justice and Peace  
Irish Apostolate, USA  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
Migration and Refugee Services  
National Association of State Catholic  
Conference Directors  
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National Catholic Rural Life Conference  
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## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CALL FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

The bishops call for a “globalization of solidarity” and an overhaul of the U.S. immigration system, to include the following elements:

- † A broad-based earned legalization program for the undocumented in the U. S.;
- † Reform of our family-based immigration system to allow family members to reunite with loved ones in the United States;
- † Reform of the employment-based immigration system to provide legal pathways for migrants to come and work in a safe, humane, and orderly manner, and;
- † Abandonment of the border “blockade” enforcement strategy.
- † Restoration of due process protections for immigrants.

Additionally, the bishops recognize that the conditions that compel people to leave their homes out of desperation and lack of opportunities to provide for themselves and their families, must be addressed if an effective and comprehensive response to migration is to be achieved. Therefore, the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform will work closely with the Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty , initiated by the USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace and Catholic Relief Services. That Campaign aims to reduce poverty through trade, aid and debt reforms.

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or contact us at:

## A Journey of Hope

Since its founding, the United States has received immigrants from around the world who have found opportunity and safe haven in a new land. The labor, values, and beliefs of immigrants from throughout the world have transformed the United States from a loose group of colonies into one of the leading democracies in the world today. From its founding to the present, the United States remains a nation of immigrants grounded in the firm belief that newcomers offer new energy, hope and cultural diversity.

Our common faith in Jesus Christ moves us to search for ways that favor a spirit of solidarity. It is a faith that transcends borders and bids us to overcome all forms of discrimination and violence so that we may build relationships that are just and loving.



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