



Vincentian Family of North America Social Justice Representatives Collaboration Immigration Statement

We, the social justice representatives of the Vincentian Family of North America, endorse and commit to promote the following principles* for Immigration Reform:

- ❖ *Preserve and ensure family unity as a corner-stone of our national immigration system*
- ❖ *Safeguard the rights of immigrant workers, including the restoration of due process and humane policies to our immigration enforcement policies*
- ❖ *Acknowledge that our borders are already secure and require only minor changes*
- ❖ *Foster prompt and efficient processing of already-approved immigrants*
- ❖ *Enhance the present diversity visa program for migrants to receive permanent residency*
- ❖ *Provide legal channels for low-skilled immigrant workers to come and work in the U.S.*
- ❖ *Provide a clear and direct pathway to citizenship for undocumented persons in the U.S.*
- ❖ *Address the core causes of migration, such as persecution and economic disparity*

*Principles derived from statements on Immigration Reform by the following groups:

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Justice for Immigrants*
- NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

The social justice representatives of the Vincentian Family of North America include:

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| - Congregation of the Mission, Eastern and Western Provinces | - Daughters of Charity, Provinces of St. Louise and the West |
| - Ladies of Charity USA | - Sisters of Charity Federation NGO |
| - Sisters of Charity Federation office | - Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, OH |
| - Sisters of Charity of Halifax, NS | - Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, KS |
| - Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY | - Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy, SC |
| - Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, PA | - Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, NJ |
| - Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, NY | - Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA |
| - Vincentian Lay Missioners-MISEVI USA | |

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