

Immigration and Detention: What You Can Do

If you feel helpless when it comes to current US immigration policy and practice, you are not alone. Stay informed, directly serve, individually accompany or collectively advocate for those caught in the web of immigration and detention. This list is to get you started.

Stay Informed

Pilgrimages to the Kino Border Initiative (KBI) at the Arizona-Mexico Border

www.kinoborderinitiative.org

We currently have two trips to KBI in Nogales, Arizona/Mexico scheduled, one for Oct. 19-23, 2018, and the other for February 8-12, 2019. Email margielegowski@gmail.com for FAQs.

Trip to the Texas-Mexico Border: Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity

We are working with Sacred Heart parish in Washington, DC, to develop a trip to McAllen, Texas, where there is a large detention center and a busy respite center. Tentative dates are Thanksgiving Day and weekend. Email margielegowski@gmail.com if interested.

Social Justice E-letter

Sign up for the HT Social Justice E-letter to learn about current issues and opportunities to engage. Contact ktromble@trinity.org to get on the list.

Accompany

Detention Center Visits

If you'd like to visit people currently detained at the Howard County Jail in Jessup, Maryland, come to the Detention Visitation Network information and training session at Holy Trinity on Sat., Sept. 29, 2018, from 10-12 noon in McKenna. RSVP to margielegowski@gmail.com

Court or ICE Check Ins

People sometimes need a kind face when they go to ICE or Court check in appointments. Visit sanctuarydmv.org for more information on how to be that presence and to get on the list.

Mentoring

The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights provides unaccompanied minors housed in VA with regular one-one mentoring and support. Spanish speakers are especially needed. Visit <https://www.theyoungcenter.org/volunteer-at-the-young-center> for info.

Support Asylum Seekers

We are now on Kino's list of parishes willing to sponsor, house, and support someone seeking asylum. Contact parishioners Austin Acocella (austin.acocella@gmail.com) or Jeanne Rossomme (jeanne@roadmapmarketing.com) to find out how you can help.

Detention Center Pilgrimage and Vigil

Holy Trinity is planning a half-day pilgrimage/vigil to a Maryland detention center this fall with St. Ignatius, Baltimore. Stay tuned for details.

Advocate

We individually and collectively participate in rallies, meetings, conferences, letter-writing campaigns and other actions and you are warmly invited to join us. The best way to learn about these is through the HT Social Justice E-letter.

Serve as Instructors or Tutors

Washington English Center (adults)

Did you know that the Center is one of HT's social justice tithe grantees? To volunteer, contact the Center directly by calling 202-387-2222 or visiting their website at washingtonenglish.org

Sacred Heart ESL Academy (adults)

Email former Peace Corps Volunteer John Stapleton at sagradocorazonesl@gmail.com for more information about how to become an instructor.

San Miguel School (youth)

Contact Alfonso Motta amota@sanmigueldc.org or Rodney Elam relam@sanmiguel.org to learn how to best support students.

Prevention: What You Can Do

Holy Trinity has accompanied and financially supported Maria Madre de los Pobres parish in San Salvador, El Salvador, for almost thirty years. An active and inspiring community, Maria Madre is located in an area tormented by three gangs. We support Maria Madre because we have much to learn with and from them – and to help make it possible for people to thrive in the community, rather than to make the dangerous trek north. Here's what you can do:

Stay Informed and Accompany

"Come and see!" Trips to San Salvador, El Salvador

We warmly welcome first timers to join us on our winter or summer trips to our sister parish, Maria Madre de los Pobres. The next trip is Thurs., January 24 through Wed., January 30, 2019 with an information session on Wednesday, November 28 from 6-7 PM in Neale. Although Spanish speakers are needed, ALL are welcome. Email margielegowski@gmail.com for FAQs.

Maria Madre E-mail List

Email margielegowski@gmail.com to be added to our 125 member "Friends of Maria Madre" email distribution list. This is a great way to get updates on Maria Madre and El Salvador.

Godchildren

About 250 children in La Chacra participate in Maria Madre's godparent program which provides funding for school and opportunities for youth and parent formation and activities. Godparents commit to between \$300-350 each year. Contact Mauricio Rodriguez at debandmo@verizon.net or call him at 571-228-9021 to get on the waiting list.

Miles and Money

Although HT supports Maria Madre's parish school with a generous annual tithe grant, other projects in the parish and community often need funds, too. If you wish to make a donation to Maria Madre, write a check to Holy Trinity and put "Maria Madre" on the notation line. We are also seeking miles or plane tickets for parishioners, particularly YACs, who want to travel to Maria Madre, but need some support. Contact Margie for more information.