

Information Sites

Justice for Immigrants (the U.S. Bishop's campaign for immigration reform)

www.justiceforimmigrants.org

Immigration Action Team Webpage

www.osjspm.com/immigrationactionteam.aspx

AFFIRM Coalition

www.affirmcoalition.org

Advocates for Human Rights

www.energyofanation.org

National Immigration Forum

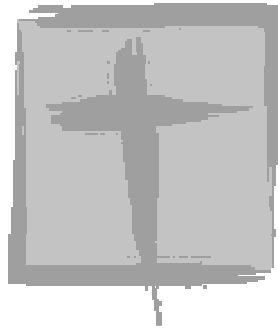
www.immigrationforum.org

The National Immigration Law Center

<http://nilc.org>

The American Immigration Lawyers Association

www.aila.org



For more information about
Immigration Action Team.

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You can sign up online to
join the team at
[http://www.osjspm.org/
socialjusticeform.aspx](http://www.osjspm.org/socialjusticeform.aspx)
check the Immigration Team —
someone will get back to you.

The Immigration Action Team
is coordinated by the
Office for Social Justice.

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IMMIGRATION ACTION TEAM



Respect, Compassion, Hope

“...it is of paramount
importance to remember that
our religious and civil traditions
demand that we respect and
respond to the needs of the most
vulnerable people among us.”

Archbishop Harry Flynn, 2006

Office for Social Justice

Understanding

Education

Advocacy

The Church and Immigration

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in the gospel, mandating that the dignity of each and every person be recognized and protected.

Catholic Social Teaching highlights three basic principles related to immigration: (1) Human dignity is inherent within each person; (2) People have a right to make a living that is sustaining; (3) a country must regulate its border with justice and mercy.

The growing anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States is often based on myths about the economic consequences of undocumented immigrants. As a result, undocumented workers and their families are forced to live in a shadow subculture of fear.

The current immigration system is broken and in need of significant reform. The church asks all Catholics to consider being involved in this important question.

The Immigration Action Team

Inspired by the Church's Social Teachings, the team was founded to educate Catholics throughout the Archdiocese on the complex issues faced by immigrants and to mobilize advocacy for just immigration legislation.

This team consists of parishioners throughout the Archdiocese and supported by Office for Social Justice staff. The work of this team is to plan strategies in partnership with other advocates who promote comprehensive immigration reform

Through team formation and parish social justice committees, we are building a committed and knowledgeable community to work for fair comprehensive immigration reform at the federal and state levels.

This team advises parish groups, develops educational and resource materials, follows legislative activity, arranges meetings with legislators and organizes phone and letter campaigns.

Get Involved!

Please join us in advocating for immigrant rights. We believe that our combined actions can make a difference.

Join the IAT and work on one of its committees. Join your parish social justice committee and work on education and action within your parish. You can also sign up with the IAT to receive action alerts and make telephone calls, write letters or meet with policy makers.

Collectively we can make a difference!



*Working in Partnership with
The AFFIRM Coalition
(Alliance for Fair Federal Immigration
Reform of MN)*