

AREAS OF MINISTRY

Service: Information tables, workshops, (labor, immigration, health, etc.) and resources.

Accompaniment: Support families separated by detention/deportation or isolation.

Justice: Actions to support/implement driver's licenses, deferred action, labor rights, immigration reform, etc.

METHODOLOGY



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“Mercy will always be necessary. . . works of mercy must go hand in hand with the pursuit of true social justice, raising the living standard of citizens, and promoting them as agents of their own development.”

—Aparecida, 385

To learn more visit us at catholicsandimmigrants.org or on Facebook at [office.for.immigrant.affairs/](https://www.facebook.com/office.for.immigrant.affairs/)

The Immigration Ministry invites immigrants to respond to the baptismal commitment to engage in service and justice actions as leaders in the parish community.

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IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

PASTORAL MIGRATORIA



FOUNDATION OF PASTORAL MIGRATORIA

When immigration reform failed to pass the Senate in 2007, and it became apparent there would be no legislative reform in the near future, Chicago's immigrant faith community wondered

1. What is God's intention now that immigrants need to live in a state of uncertainty?
2. What can they do to help one another?

In response to these questions, Hispanic Pastoral Migratoria and Polish Social Ministry were born in 2008.

MISSION

Pastoral Migratoria (PM) invites immigrants to respond to their baptismal call to be engaged in service and justice actions in their parish communities.

PASTORAL MIGRATORIA AND POPE FRANCIS

Pastoral Migratoria advances the integration of immigrants in society, while providing the opportunity to connect their faith and lives as immigrants in this country.

“In Pastoral Migratoria, I have learned to be aware of the injustices that affect our community, to offer a helping hand to our neighbors and to share what God has given me. Faith without actions does not function.”

—Ricardo Unzueta, San Pablo, Chicago Heights, Illinois

PHASES OF PASTORAL MIGRATORIA

Formation: New leaders complete a series of seven Pastoral Migratoria formation modules based in Catholic social teaching and the *listen-learn-proclaim (see-judge-act)* methodology.

Commissioning: These pastoral agents are introduced to their parish community during a commissioning mass.

Implementation: Pastoral agents identify the needs of their community and respond, working in collaboration with community organizations and partners (e.g., immigration, labor, housing, substance abuse, financial literacy, etc.)

WHERE IS PASTORAL MIGRATORIA?

Over 200 leaders (pastoral agents) are involved in 50 Hispanic parishes. We are also in 6 Polish parishes.



A commissioning ceremony at Most Blessed Trinity parish.

SERVICE/ACCOMPANIMENT

196 workshops on labor rights, mental health, DACA, know your rights, guardianships, health insurance, financial literacy, parenting, etc.

500,000 materials distributed about DACA, immigration fraud prevention, deportation emergency planning, mental health, domestic violence, education and more.

1,400 people received documentation from the Mexican Consulate's Saturday Services and mobile consulates.

6,000 immigrants who participated in Peace Circles in 88 parishes shared their fears and challenges and received legal information after the new administration took office.

80 people participated in one parish's citizenship mentoring program guided by **16** PM leaders, of those, **70** have become new citizens.

ADVOCACY

1,850 newly eligible immigrants registered to vote and over **1,000** citizenship exams forms were completed with the help of PM leaders.

5 congressional visits were organized where PM leaders visited their state and federal representatives in support of DACA and immigration reform.

Over **300** people participated in the annual Posada for immigration reform which takes place at the Loop at 7 a.m. in Chicago's cold December weather.