

Join Saint Thomas More's Immigration Support Implementation Team

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT



The weekend of March 25/26, Saint Thomas More Catholic Community, aligning with Catholic Church teaching, took the bold step of responding to injustices in our community by committing to take steps to act in solidarity and support of our Immigrants in our wider Catholic church and community - in particular undocumented immigrants. There are two aspects of our immigrant support efforts: (1) Advocacy for immigrants, and (2) Offering a safe sanctuary space in our parish center for immigrants. We stressed in our statement that we invite parishioners to support those aspects of our statement - (1) or (1) and (2) - that your discernment and conscience dictates. We will need volunteers to plan and implement both aspects of our commitment.

IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY EFFORTS

As part of that statement, we declared, “Saint Thomas More is committed to increasing its advocacy for just and humane immigration reform at both the local and national level.”

If you are interested in volunteering with our Immigrant Support Advocacy Team in any capacity, please contact Aaron Sinner at 307-250-6118 or aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com. If there is a particular way you would like to support this effort, please let us know.

UPCOMING OPTION FOR ADVOCACY FOR IMMIGRANTS IN SAINT PAUL

Starting in late April, many political parties will hold local caucuses and gatherings to consider resolutions to their party platform. Here’s what you can do: Consider attending your local gathering to introduce a resolution advocating that local law enforcement respect individuals’ dignity by not unnecessarily involving Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in police operations. Doing so leads undocumented immigrants to live in fear of police and breaks down the trust between Saint Paul residents and law enforcement that is essential to maintaining peace in our communities.

For more information on: non-partisan advocacy as faithful citizens, when gatherings will be held, a draft resolution, and how to introduce a resolution, please contact Aaron Sinner at 307-250-6118 or aaron.j.sinner@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY HOUSING AT THE SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH CENTER

Join our Planning Team to Ready STM for Providing Housing at our Parish Center:

We are in a period of planning and preparation to house and support an immigrant family in our parish center. We are currently working to find some lay leaders for planning and implementing this part of our ministry. We will need both planners and volunteers for specific donations of items and time to ready the facility, line up volunteers, and create the most secure plan of implementation for our guests, staff, and church.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Implementation Team in any capacity, please contact Lisa Amman at ammansteger@gmail.com or call the Nicole in the parish office: 651-227-7669. If there is a particular way you would like to support this effort, please let us know.