

5 Ways You Can Respond to the Migrant Crisis in the Chicago Area

1

DONATE TO THE ASYLUM SEEKERS EMERGENCY FUND

Your donations make a difference.

\$50 - \$100 purchases up to 300 diapers for babies and small toddlers.

\$100 - \$300 pays for utilities for 1 to 2 months.

\$300 provides emergency housing for 2 to 3 nights.

\$500 helps to cover some legal fees.

\$1500 assists with rent for a 1 to 2 bedroom apartment for 1 month.



3

REACH OUT TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE PRECINCT

Many migrants are sheltering at local police stations. By getting in touch with the local precinct, you can learn about needs specific to the migrants in your area and determine how to respond.

For example, there may be a need for diapers and formula at one station and yoga mats and bedding at another.

2

JOIN THE SANCTUARY TASK FORCE

The Diocesan Sanctuary Task Force has been working with an essential network of area churches, nonprofit organizations, and government offices, to assess and respond to this evolving emergency crisis.

Joining this group or simply getting on the email list will help you to stay up to date on current needs across the Chicagoland area so you can better determine how you and your congregation can help, whether through direct assistance or advocacy.



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4 WORK WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Get to know the other churches in your deanery to pool personnel, financial, and other resources to best respond to the current migrant needs specific to your area.

5 PRAY

We know that God listens, loves, and abides with us. Go to God with a discerning heart open to the ways you are being called to respond to this crisis.

God of love and compassion: may we always recognize your spirit:

- in the refugee family, seeking safety from violence;
- in the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables;
- in the asylum-seekers, seeking justice for their families;
- in the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world.

Give us hearts that break open whenever our brothers and sisters turn to us.

Give us hearts that no longer turn deaf to their voices in times of need;

Give us eyes to recognize a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Give us voices that fail to remain silent but which decide instead to advocate prophetically.

Give us hands that reach out in welcome, but also in work, for a world of justice until all homelands are safe and secure.

– Fr. Dan Hartnett S.J.

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