

NOVEMBER PARISH MAILING

Immigrants



Pope Francis Center
for Justice and Charity

Homily Hints

An immigrant is a person who moves to another country to take up permanent residence.

Catholic social teaching

“Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself.”

– Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

“The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially... the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing, and the right to emigrate” (Catechism).

In the New Evangelization, the love shown to those

in spiritual and material need, which is expressed in works of fellowship, solidarity and assistance, speaks louder than words. We play a crucial role in the demanding itinerary of the New Evangelization in the context of migration. Those who, on their journey, stand in need of encountering the merciful face of Christ in the welcome given to one’s neighbor.

Christian communities are to pay special attention to immigrants and their families by accompanying them with prayer, solidarity and Christian charity, by fostering new political, economic and social planning that promotes respect

for the dignity of every human person, the safeguarding of the family, access to dignified housing, to work and to welfare.

“The Catholic community in the United States continues, with great generosity, to welcome waves of new immigrants, to provide them with pastoral care and charitable assistance, and to support ways of regularizing their situation, especially with regard to the unification of families. A particular sign of this is the long-standing commitment of the American Bishops to immigration reform” (Pope Benedict).

“In the Church no one is a stranger, and the Church is not foreign to anyone, anywhere. As a sacrament of unity and thus a sign and a binding force for the whole human race, the Church is the place where illegal immigrants are also recognized and accepted as brothers and sisters. It is the task of the various Dioceses actively to ensure that these people, who are obliged to live outside the safety net of civil society, may find a sense of brotherhood in the Christian community. Solidarity means taking responsibility for those in trouble” (St. John Paul II)



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Prayer Intentions:

That all Catholics and all people of good will to work with the community to address the causes of undocumented migration and to protect the human rights of all migrants—

we pray to the Lord.

That special attention be given to migrant and immigrant children and youth as they straddle two cultures, especially to give them opportunities for leadership and service in the community and to encourage vocations among them—

we pray to the Lord.

In gratitude for parishes that have helped newcomers integrate in ways that are respectful, that celebrate their cultures, and that are responsive to their social needs, leading to a mutual enrichment of the local church—

we pray to the Lord.

Work of Mercy

[Welcome the Stranger »](#)

I was a stranger and you welcomed me
(Matthew 25:35)

- [Act »](#)
- [Accompany »](#)
- [Advocate »](#)
- [Donate »](#)

Prayer for Immigrants

Holy Spirit Consoler, visit the families of the victims of terrorism, families that suffer through no fault of their own.

Wrap them in the mantle of Your divine mercy. Make them find again in You and in themselves the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others, above all for immigrants, giving witness to Your love by their lives.

Amen.



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**November 13 is the Feast Day of St. Frances Cabrini,
Patron Saint of Immigrants**