

# Vincentian Family of North America

## Social Justice Collaborative

### Statement on Immigration Reform

We, the *following listed members* of the Vincentian Family Social Justice Collaborative in North America, support comprehensive immigration reform, forged from core Christian social beliefs that honor the dignity of every human being. Mindful of the challenges facing our countries and the conflicting priorities present today, we believe immigration reform must:

- Preserve and ensure family unity as a corner-stone of our national immigration system
- Safeguard the rights of immigrant workers, including the restoration of due process and humane policies to our immigration enforcement polices
- Ensure appropriate resources are available to process those presenting themselves legally to our borders requesting asylum or applying for immigration
- Provide a measured response to the relatively low number of undocumented immigrants illegally crossing the borders into the United States and Canada.
- Foster prompt and efficient processing of already-approved immigrants
- Enhance the present diversity visa program for migrants to receive permanent residency
- Provide more robust, legal channels for foreign national workers to come and work in the U.S. and Canada
- Provide a clear and direct pathway to citizenship for undocumented persons in the U.S. and Canada
- Address core human-driven causes of migration, such as persecution, violence, economic desolation, climate, etc., which result in life-threatening situations around the world.

We urge each branch of the Vincentian Family of North America to seek specific ways to support this statement in our daily service and way of life.

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