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Immigration



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Homily Hints

When we die and stand before the Gates of St. Peter, St. Peter is not going to ask to see our papers. Instead, as people of faith we are called to see Christ in every one we meet and, as our brothers' and sisters' keeper, we lovingly

meet the needs of our neighbors. How we responded to our brothers and sisters will be the question St. Peter asks.

blessed government such as America. A country that is financially blessed is called to provide whatever mercy it can to the disadvantaged of the world.

Prayer Intentions

That our Lady of Guadalupe will guide us in creating a world where justice prevails and peace reigns down upon us—

we pray to the Lord.

To those who are far from their homeland and often also from their families, that they will always meet receptive friends and hearts on their path who are capable of supporting them in the difficulties of every day—

we pray to the Lord.

That all peoples will seek solutions to the complex issue of immigration that treat all with the respect and dignity due to every human being, every son and daughter of God—

we pray to the Lord.

Three Basic Principles of Catholic Social teaching on Immigration

First Principle: People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.

Second Principle: A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

Third Principle: A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

Catholic social teaching

The Gospel mandate to 'welcome the stranger' requires Catholics to care for and stand with immigrants, both documented and undocumented, including immigrant children.

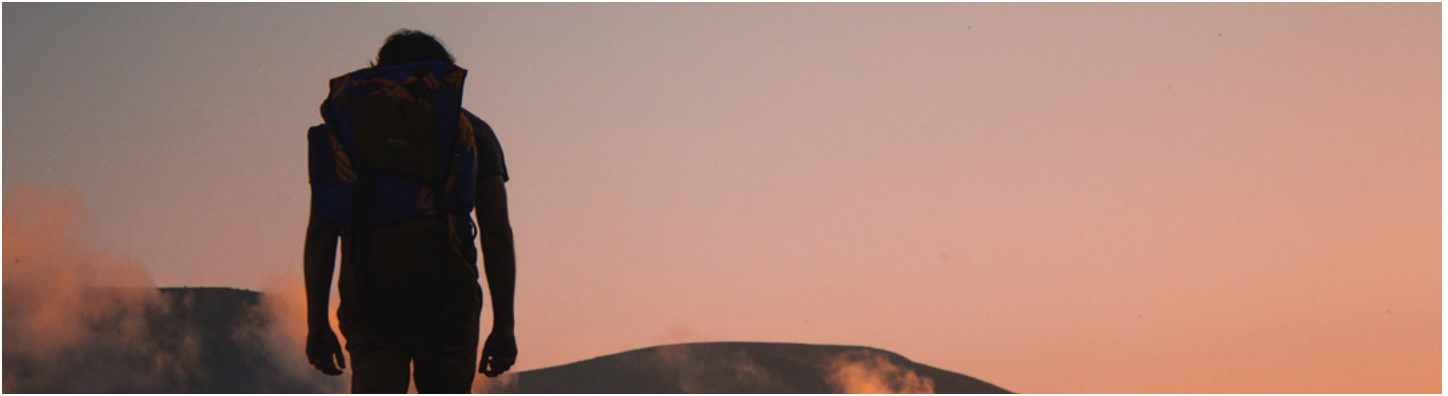
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2007, 8

A nation has a duty to immigrants and refugees to provide hope and welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person.

“The Church recognizes that all goods of the earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.” (Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope, Page 15, Paragraph 35)

People have the right to immigrate and thus governments are asked to accommodate this right to the greatest extent possible, especially a financially-





Pray

O holy God, Heart of heaven and earth, praised be your holy name. Your daughters and sons, from all peoples of the world, regardless of borders, praise you.

We praise you and give you thanks because you have placed in our hands the immigrant pilgrims who make the earth flourish and produce, to bring food to the table of the rich and the poor alike.

We praise you and give you thanks because you walk always with those who cross borders, in search of well-being, doing their part in building the world you entrusted to us. On our way, we are mindful of your Presence in the promise to Abraham and in the liberation of your people, Israel.

We praise you and give you thanks for your blessings on all immigrants, on those who cross all the borders in the United States.

And you, O Lady of Guadalupe, empress of the Americas, be always our protector and intercessor for reconciliation and the building of equality and peace. Amen.

Work of Mercy

[Welcome the Stranger »](#)

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

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