



St. Mary Student Parish

Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan

Immigration Support Team Member

Mission:

The role of the Immigration Support team is to invite our parish and the community to share the journey with immigrants. The parish, and therefore this team, aims to be a safe home and dynamic resource for immigrant and non-immigrant communities by providing pastoral care, education, and advocacy opportunities all based in mutual companionship.

Accompany - be with immigrant families and individuals for personal support.

Examples: pray with families in their homes, go with individuals to ICE check-ins

Educate - two-fold: 1) educate non-immigrant community on what immigrants are going through, the difficulties in getting documentation, etc. and 2) educate immigrant community on their rights and available resources.

Examples: immigration storytelling night, "know your rights" workshops

Advocate - organize broader campaigns to support pro-immigrant policies as well as to protect parishioner families in danger from the threat of deportation.

Examples: "Share the Journey" week of prayer & action, Dream Act letter-writing

General Responsibilities:

The Immigration Support Team meets approximately once a month. Sub-teams might meet more frequently but this is not required. Responsibilities will depend on your interest but examples include:

- Receive training to accompany our immigrant parishioners and families if/when needs arise
- Help plan logistics of education and advocacy campaigns and events, and be on-site during events
- Recruit volunteers and/or attendees for education or advocacy events
- Participate in team prayer and faith formation
- Commit 1.5 hours every month for Immigration Support lead team meetings

Requirements:

- Interest in listening to the stories of and being present with people
- Responsible and accountable
- Flexible and creative
- Positive attitude and enthusiasm!
- *Bonus:* speak Spanish (not required)