

Positive Waves:

Since the start of this Catholic nonviolent campaign and with the actions of other immigrant right's coalition partners, there has been a release of over 2,500 children, emptying the influx facilities in Homestead, FL and Carizzo Springs, TX, as well as an [increase in the discharge rates of migrant children from detention with a significant decrease in occupancy rates](#). Fifteen Mexican asylum seekers, including three families with children were accompanied into the U.S. after regular denials by Border Patrol. In addition, thousands of Catholics have mobilized, many taking strategic risks, such as civil disobedience for the first time. This includes Catholic mobilizations in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Belize; as well as Catholic media articles in Latin America, Europe, and Asia. A stronger, more courageous, creative Catholic coalition has been built.

Ways to Continue the Work Begun:

Join U.S. Catholic bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI). JFI is a diverse group of Catholic organizations with national networks joined in a common effort to unite and mobilize Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of goodwill in support of immigrants and immigration reform. The JFI campaign seeks to: educate the public, especially the Catholic community, about Church teaching on migration; create political will for just and humane immigration reform; and advocate for dignified and fair reforms in immigration and refugee laws and policies that reflect the principles enunciated by the bishops. Sign up [HERE](#) for all the latest news and events of the Justice For Immigrants Campaign. Contact Tony Cube for additional information at: acube@uscgb.org.

Volunteer with Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC). CLINIC has recently launched *Estamos Unidos: Proyecto de Asilo*, a project in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico in response to the ill-conceived policies that target migrants and asylum seekers at the southern border. The project provides know your rights information, documentation safety plans, and case assessments and preparation to asylum seekers throughout Ciudad Juarez. There are remote and on the ground volunteer opportunities available. Currently, volunteer opportunities are for both legal and mental health evaluations and require fluency in Spanish or any other Central American indigenous language. Learn more and apply to become a volunteer [HERE](#).

Join the Families Belong Together Corporate Accountability Campaign which has led to 9 major banks (87% of total financing) committed to stop their financing of for-profit prisons (CoreCivic and GEO) that detain about 70% of migrants in detention. Contact: Eli McCarthy emccarthy@cmsm.org.

Join the Shutdown Berks Coalition which is very close to ending the family detention center for migrants in Pennsylvania. Contact shutdownberks@gmail.com.

Resources:

[Types of Strategic Risks](#)

[Latinx Catholic Leadership Coalition](#)

[Hope Border Institute](#)

[The Globe Post](#)