

Immigration Reform in the United States

While acknowledging the right of countries to control their own borders, the complex issue of immigration is first and foremost a human one. Many sister congregations have taken a public stance to support comprehensive immigration reform, particularly in the United States. Joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we call for the inclusion of the following elements in Comprehensive Immigration Reform:

- Global anti-poverty policies to help provide for the basic needs of the poor in underdeveloped nations.
- Expanded opportunities to reunify families.
- Temporary worker programs to permit a just and humane system for workers to enter our country legally.
- Broad-based legalization opportunities for the approximately 11 million undocumented migrants presently in the U.S.
- Restoration of due process with regard to legal rights of immigrants.

Sisters continue to advocate for this reform and have hosted letter-writing and awareness efforts in support of this reform.

Read more from the pastoral document "[Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope](#)," issued jointly by the U.S. and Mexican Catholic Bishops. This document called for a "globalization of solidarity" and an overhaul of the U.S. immigration system.