



## St. John of God “Sanctuary Café” Menu of Options for Further Involvement

### *TODAY’S SPECIAL!*

Write a monthly letter to an immigrant in detention to encourage them and send a monthly donation (\$30-\$60 suggested) for their commissary fund to buy essentials. To sign up, click on the link below <https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/> or contact [friendsafuera@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:friendsafuera@im4humanintegrity.org).

### *STARTERS AND SMALL BITES*

Participate in local, state and national public policy campaigns to learn about and take action on issues important to refugees and immigrants with Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. For information and to sign up, click [here](#).

Sign a faith letter to President Biden urging him to keep his promise to end inhumane immigration detention in 2022. Deadline to sign: 12/31/21. <http://bit.ly/BidenFaithLetter>

Join the citywide inter-congregational network convened by Faith in Action Bay Area meeting monthly at Congregation Sha’ar Zahav to learn about issues impacting refugees and immigrants and plan appropriate faith-based response and action. Meetings are conducted in Spanish and English. For more info, contact [marc@faithinactionba.org](mailto:marc@faithinactionba.org).

### *SHARE PLATES*

Form an accompaniment team for a newly arrived immigrant or family. Here are two opportunities.

The Nueva Esperanza Accompaniment Team (NEAT) program trains teams of five volunteers from faith communities to help recently arrived immigrants complete a successful transition to stability and self-sufficiency. <https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>  
Contact Kelly at [kyounger@im4humanintegrity.org](mailto:kyounger@im4humanintegrity.org).

Join a team supporting a newly arrived refugee or family from Afghanistan to help them with basic needs as they navigate resettlement and attain sustainability in the U.S. Sherri Maurin, an SJOG parishioner, has been working on and visiting Afghanistan for 10+ years. Contact her at [smaurin@aol.com](mailto:smaurin@aol.com) for more information.

### *MAIN COURSES*

Consider a donation to Faith in Action’s Belong Recovery Fund! Thanks to donations last year, Faith in Action Bay Area built a fund to distribute \$200 cash cards to 100+ immigrant families who lost work and wages during the pandemic. Your donation now will help neighbors in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties meet basic needs and pay legal fees and fund other services as the eviction moratorium ends.

Write a check to provide legal representation for asylum seekers. We know that immigrants with attorneys are much more likely to win their asylum cases.

- ◆ CARACEN SF’s Vinicio Fund for Unaccompanied Children: <https://carecensf.org/donate/vinicio/>
- ◆ Catholic Charities CYO of San Francisco: <https://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/fundraising/page.html>
- ◆ Jubilee Immigration Advocates: <https://jubileelegal.org/support-us>
- ◆ Pangea Legal Services: <https://www.pangealegal.org/donate>

Volunteer to assist immigrants on the border. Faith communities providing hospitality at ports of entry sometimes receive hundreds of families per day. Two places where St. John of God parishioners have volunteered are listed below. (Note: minimum time commitments apply.)

- ◆ Casa Alitas in Tucson: To inquire about volunteering, contact [alitas@ccs-soaz.org](mailto:alitas@ccs-soaz.org).
- ◆ Annunciation House in El Paso/Juarez: For more info, visit: <https://www.annunciationhouse.org>.

