



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

STARTERS AND SMALL BITES

Pack the court for an immigrant’s asylum hearing or ICE check-in. To sign up for email notices of court dates, email lbarraza@im4humanintegrity.org and ask to be put on the list for A Su Lado (“by their side”) Bay Area. E-mail sara@faithinactionba.org and ask to be put on the list for Faith in Action-Bay Area.

Participate in a Freedom Campaign. Engage in public campaigns of individual immigrants fighting to get released from detention by attending press conferences, writing letters, organizing “pack the court” events, and bond fundraisers. E-mail lbarraza@im4humanintegrity.org to receive alerts and notices about Freedom Campaigns.

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. See reverse side of this menu for more details; to sign up, go to:
<https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>

SHARE PLATE

Form an accompaniment team for a newly arrived immigrant. The Nueva Esperanza Accompaniment Team (NEAT) program trains teams of five volunteers in faith communities to help recently arrived immigrants navigate the legal process, learn English, secure housing, apply for medical care, enroll in school, find employment.
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MAIN COURSES

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: <https://carecensf.org/donate/>
- ◆ 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>
- ◆ ACLU of Northern California: <https://www.aclunc.org/donate> - Be sure to indicate that your gift is for immigration defense work. <https://www.aclunc.org/issue/immigrants-rights> (for info)

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 or 520-591-6390; for information, visit <https://www.ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children>
- ◆ Annunciation House in El Paso/Juarez: Annette Lomont from St. Agnes Parish is coordinating volunteer groups from San Francisco. Reach her at 415-844-0263 or annette.lomont@gmail.com. For more info, visit: <https://www.annunciationhouse.org>.

Join the next SHARE Foundation delegation to Central America in 2020! The SHARE Foundation will lead a delegation to San Salvador March 20-28, 2020 in honor of the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero. For info: <http://www.share-elsalvador.org/>.



TODAY'S SPECIAL: Friends Afuera

... a few more details about writing to an immigrant in detention

Many detained immigrants face isolation and depression as a consequence of their unjust incarceration, separation from family, and the potential for indefinite and prolonged detention. At the same time, they need funds to buy essentials like writing paper, stamps, food, deodorant and other toiletries/hygiene products. The prices are very high in prison commissaries, especially those run by private, for-profit firms.

With the closure of the ICE detention facility in Richmond a year ago, there was increased need for support for immigrants being moved to ICE facilities far from their homes and families. Recently Governor Newsom signed a bill to close two more ICE detention facilities in the state (Mesa Verde and Adelanto) by June 2020 and our partner organizations are expecting an increased need to support detained individuals as more individuals are moved to distant facilities.

Several St. John of God parishioners are participating in this ministry and report that it is very rewarding for them personally and also very appreciated by those in detention. This weekend, the St. John of God Sanctuary Committee would like to recruit fellow parishioners to sign up to serve an additional five to ten immigrants through this program.

By becoming a friend on the outside, you can support an incarcerated immigrant. An individual or a small group may join Friends Afuera. To learn more: <https://www.im4humanintegrity.org/accompaniment/>. Scroll to the bottom for Friends Afuera and be sure to click on the link to the FAQ for full details. When you are ready to sign up, email friendsafuera@im4humanintegrity.org to get matched with an imprisoned immigrant.