

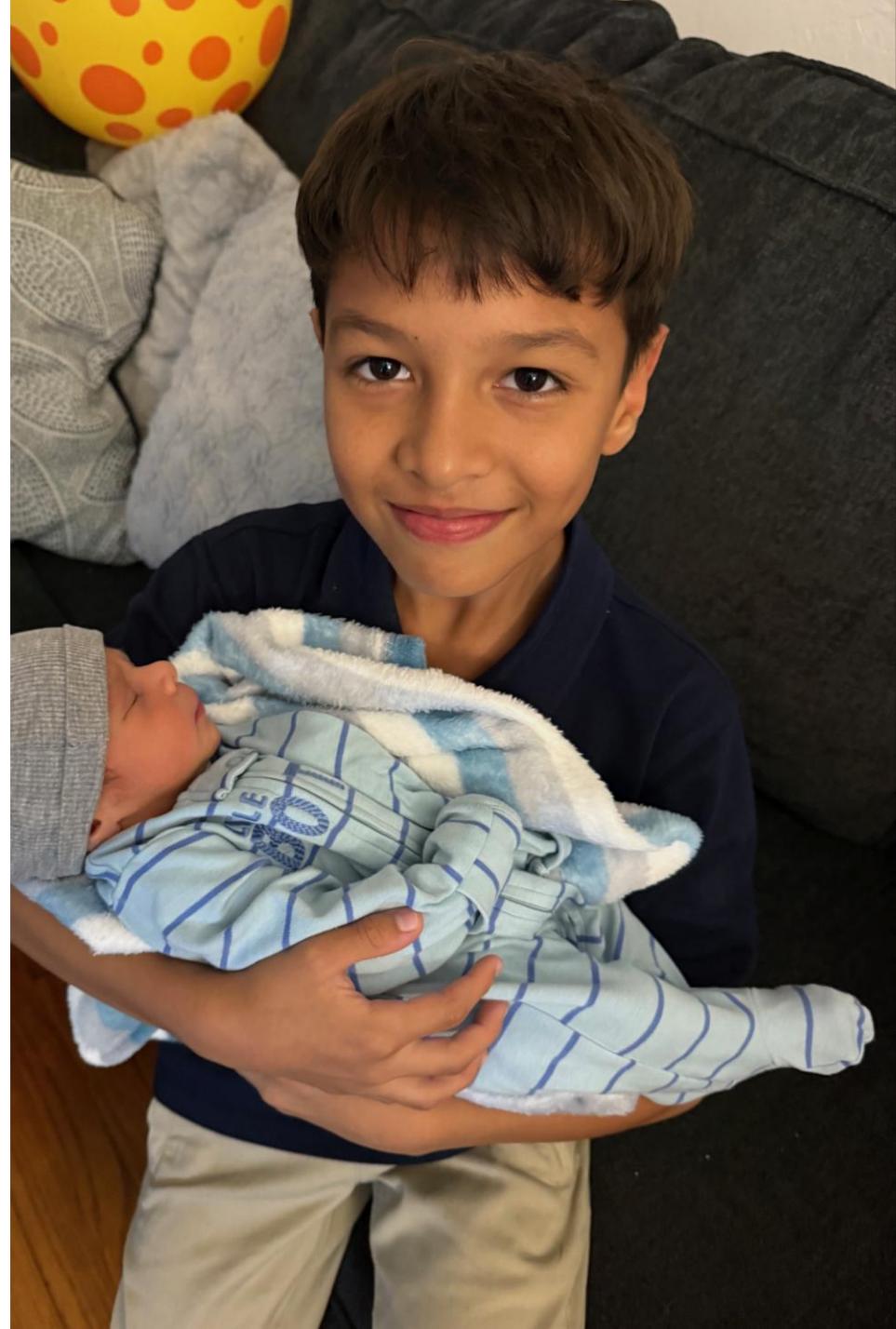


# Next Steps in Supporting Immigrants

**Episcopal Diocese of Michigan  
Actions and Opportunities!**

# “An Update Since Convention”

- Circles of Support forming
- Invitations to speak to churches
- “Hundreds for Helping”
  - Raised approximately \$1,800 to assist a family
  - \$300 a month for 6 months is a great start!
  - So much more will be needed for this and other families.
    - We are at the start of a long journey.
    - More help is going to be needed!



# Now is the Time to Build our Infrastructure

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- Create a Circle of Support in your Parish (or team with others)
- Assess what skills your parish could offer (legal, organizing, public witness and lobbying)
- Build funding for immigrants into your 2026 budgets (even if it is just \$200 or \$300 a month to assist immigrant ministries)!
- Educate around immigrant issues and knowing your rights (adult forums, coffee hours, special events)!
  - We can come out and help!
  - Train, bring speakers, customize to your parish
- Let people know!
  - Put your ministries in your asset map!
  - Let Bob know as well ([boballtop@gmail.com](mailto:boballtop@gmail.com))
  - We want to be coordinated!!!



# What is a Circle of Support?

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- Formed by a parish or congregation, or virtual
- Provides direct family support
- Educates parishes and officials about immigrant issues and your rights
- Participates in vigils and public actions
- Mobilizing now to be ready to respond



# ADVOCACY MATTERS!

- Citizen advocacy overturns Centerline Michigan's 287(g) Agreement with ICE! **HUGE WIN!**
- Bishop Perry testifies at hearing on Senate Bills.





# Advocacy Day December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lansing

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- 508: Restrict certain immigration enforcement actions in sensitive locations (schools and churches)
- 509: prohibit government entities from disclosing information that will be used for the enforcement of federal immigration law
- 510: require enforcement officers to wear a uniform and be unmasked



STRANGERS NO LONGER PRESENTS:

# *INTERFAITH ACT OF HOPE: POSADAS IN LANSING*

JOIN US TO ADVOCATE FOR AND CELEBRATE OUR IMMIGRANT  
NEIGHBORS



## **INSPIRED ACTION**

This year, Strangers No Longer will **bring this spirit of pilgrimage and solidarity to Lansing.** **We will process to visit at least nine offices,** including that of legislators, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, to **call on them to protect our local communities and reject collaboration with ICE.**



## **REGISTER TODAY**

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025**

**Lansing, Michigan**

**9 AM – 2 PM**





EPISCOPAL MIGRATION  
RESPONSE NETWORK

# Be Informed

## **Episcopal Church Immigration Updates: Tuesdays at 1:00 pm Eastern**

Fantastic source of recent immigration issues and updates: Register @

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1GI\\_SzuzT8upEk8QDwnmCg?\\_xzm\\_rtaid=PSKt9OBOQYiw852Tkdk6lg.1762970913549.fc1a1b41fc04ffb89e2eba7f3db32303&\\_xzm\\_rhtaid=290#/registration](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1GI_SzuzT8upEk8QDwnmCg?_xzm_rtaid=PSKt9OBOQYiw852Tkdk6lg.1762970913549.fc1a1b41fc04ffb89e2eba7f3db32303&_xzm_rhtaid=290#/registration)

## **Episcopal Migration Response Network Calls: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the Month**

Collaborative work and conversation focus on best practice-sharing in areas of direct service, organizing, advocacy actions, Christian formation and worship resources, and community education. Register @

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/ministrynetwork/#:~:text=to%20attend%20meetings-,here,-.%C2%A0%20All%20are>

**Strangers No Longer** – Local immigration work with which Episcopal Churches are partnering. Get their newsletter at: <https://strangersnolonger.org/newsletter/>

## **CLINIC DAILY Newsletter (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)**

Daily updates on what is happening on immigration around the country

<https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=a33179621a>

This Issue is Urgent!  
Now is when we  
must act!



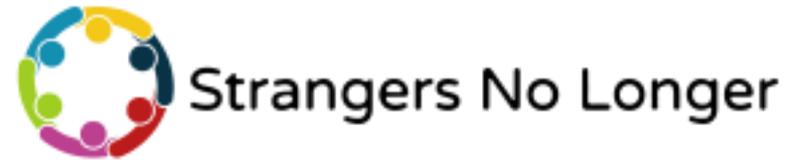
- This isn't about politics – but about the Gospel; it is about being the Body of Christ
- The crisis is growing and will only expand
- Why care about immigrants when there are other needs?
  - It impacts all our communities
  - It is only the first vulnerability community facing a high-profile attack.
  - If history is a guide, other communities will be targeted

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