



Strangers No Longer

SOMOS UN SOLO
CUERPO

**A network of
Catholics in Michigan
responding to Gospel
call + Pope Francis'
exhortations to treat
Immigrants as our
own brothers and
sisters.**





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Inspired by the 2003 pastoral letter by Mexican & U.S. bishops calling for immigration reform.

Faith foundation: “our call by Jesus ... to welcome the stranger.”





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Our work is driven by Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the Church.

Tenets of CST:

- **Solidarity**
- **Human Dignity**
- **Concern for the Poor**
- **Care for Creation**
 - **Worker Rights**
 - **Rights and Responsibilities**
- **Family Community Participation**



Our response to...
contemporary
migration...
welcome, protect,
promote
and integrate.

(Pope Francis, Sept. 29, 2019)



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CIRCLES OF SUPPORT

**Members build
CIRCLES OF SUPPORT
in their parish,
high school,
or neighborhood.**

**You can start
one too!**





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**We strive to SERVE and
ACCOMPANY**

**Examples: The SNL Silent Procession
on July 14, 2025, at Most Holy Trinity**

The Gospel teaches us to walk in **solidarity**





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EDUCATE

SNL initiates educational opportunities, where communities can deepen their knowledge about the truth around immigration—working to rid the stigma and stereotypes



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ADVOCATE

We advocate for policies and practices that better uphold the human dignity of immigrants. We do this by meeting with officials at local, state, and national levels.



**Ex:
Visiting
Lansing
to speak
with law
officials**





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SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION

Religion and Spirituality are the north star for Strangers NO Longer and overcoming harmful stereotypes





YOUTH IN ACTION FOR IMMIGRATION

- 12 Catholic High Schools (and counting!) + Parish Youth Groups
- Meet monthly to collaborate
- Create Circles of Support in their schools
- All are welcome!

#YAIL





YOUTH IN ACTION FOR IMMIGRATION LEADERSHIP

**PAX CHRISTI MI
YOUNG PEACE
ACTIVIST AWARD
WINNER!! (2024)**



- Occur every first Friday of the month (however community vigils do occur every Friday)
- **ON HOLD** right now
- Community bonding, promoting peace and harmony
- Armando's to finish off the night!

YOUTH IN ACTION VIGIL





YAIL CONTINUED...

- **5 Leadership Positions: Chair, Secretary, Social Media Lead, Advocacy Lead, Prayer Lead**
- **Meet monthly on Sundays by Zoom**
 - We're very flexible – the goal is to make it easy for everyone to be involved, so we'll adjust as needed to fit your schedules!
- **Responsibilities are shared and everyone's voice is valued**
- **You can take on leadership roles that match their strengths, and there's always support so no one feels overwhelmed.**





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HIGH SCHOOL (YOUTH) CONFERENCES





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HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

**2020, 2022, 2025: at
Cristo Rey**

**2023: at
Divine Child**

**2024: at
Cabrini**





IMPORTANT EVENT

- **Poster Party!!!!**
- **When: September 21, 2025
from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM**
- **Purpose: make posters for the
October 5 Mass for the World
Day of Migrants and Refugees**
- **Lunch is served!**
- **Where: Gesu Catholic
Church, 17180 Oak Dr,
Detroit, MI 48221**





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IMPORTANT EVENT

- World Day of Migrants and Refugees
- When: October 5, 2025 from 1:55 – 4:00 PM
- Where: Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI
 - Mention aisle



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ALL ARE WELCOME!!



111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

DATE: October 5th, 2025

PLACE: Cathedral of the Most
Blessed Sacrament -
9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI

TIME: 1:55 - 4:00 PM

PROGRAM
1:30 - Gather in the Church
1:55 - Pilgrimage Walk Outside
2:30 - Mass presided by Archbishop
Weisenburger
3:30 - Final Blessing & Testimonies
4:00 - Food Tables

BRING YOUR PARISH
ORGANIZATION'S BANNER!!



*"Migrants,
Missionaries of Hope"*
-Pope Leo XIV

REGISTER HERE



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