

As Christians, we are called to support and protect our immigrant neighbors. Here are some ways you may feel called to be engaged:

St. A's Supporting the Newly Arrived Ministry (SNA) – SNA continues to collect items to meet families' material needs. They are also exploring ways to expand their work. Their next meeting is tomorrow (Friday), October 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lounge and on [Zoom](#) (pw: lacroix). All are welcome. Reach out to co-chairs Kristin Anderson, Robin Bourne-Caris, Tina Haight (emails on Realm) with questions or to be involved.

Take a Know Your Rights Training and Share Info with Others – Knowing our rights empowers us. [Sign-up for a virtual training with ICIRR here](#). You may also consider printing out [Know Your Rights cards or pamphlets](#) and distributing them to your friends, neighbors, or local businesses.

Rapid Response – teams are trained to respond quickly to requests for help from individuals who are confronted by ICE agents and to document the encounter, especially if the team observes any kind of violence. The team then submits written comments, photos and recordings to the **Family Support Hotline at 855-435-7693**. Some teams also organize teams to protect families and be a presence at school drop-offs and other places where community members are vulnerable.

- Sign up for [Eyes on ICE](#) through ICIRR to receive alerts about ICE activity and opportunities to help based on your zip code
- Email sanctuaryevanston@gmail.com for information about the Sanctuary Evanston Rapid Response Team
- [One Northside Chicago](#) is organizing and protecting immigrants in Chicago northside neighborhoods, where there has been significant ICE presence recently

Accompaniment Ministry – volunteers are trained to accompany immigrants to ICE check-ins, Immigration Court hearings and asylum interviews. Please [send a note to this email address](#) for a Diocesan-supported training.

Court Watch – observe the proceedings at Immigration Court, in-person or online via Webex and report on your observations. Visit [ICIRR](#) (and scroll to the bottom of the page!) for information and an email address to reach out for training.

Legal Aid – volunteer lawyers are needed to assist asylum seekers with asylum and work permit applications. Please [send a note to this email address](#) for information about Diocesan-supported efforts.

Witness Wednesdays in Chicago – join fellow Episcopalians at Federal Plaza (210 S. Dearborn St.) every Wednesday from 12:15-12:35 to pray and to be a public witness for justice and dignity for all God’s people, including and especially immigrants who have been disappeared or detained.

Donate – consider giving to the [Sanctuary Committee Emergency Fund](#) for rent support, legal services, and to cover fees for filing an asylum application (\$100 plus \$100 annual fee) or a work permit application (\$550). ([Donate here.](#))

Pray - Bishop Paula Clark reminds us that we all are called to pray. We will be bringing the needs and sorrows of our neighbors into our corporate worship and prayer. Let us pray for those who have been detained, those awaiting trial, those who have been separated from their families and loved ones, and those who live in fear. Let us pray also for the conversion of hearts and repentance from evil. Lord have mercy.