

Greetings, Christ Church Family,

I am a lifelong parishioner of Christ Church and as a way of living out the faith I learned from our community, I have worked closely in recent years with AsylumWorks.

AsylumWorks is a nonprofit in DC that provides asylum seekers and their families with holistic services to complement the work of immigration legal providers.

**As some of you may know, the Trump Administration recently proposed new immigration regulations that would end asylum as we know.** Because these rules will almost certainly go into effect, asylum seekers need high quality legal representation now more than ever.

In response, AsylumWorks has launched a legal defense fund to help clients cover legal fees. They are partnering with a vetted group of local law firms that have agreed to provide clients with significant discounts coupled with payment plans so clients can cover outstanding fees over time. **Their goal is to ensure that as many AW clients as possible are represented by immigration attorneys before another round of asylum restrictions go into effect August 25th.**

I am serving as a legal defense fund team captain to help one asylum-seeking family cover the initial legal retain fee up to \$2,500. If COVID has taught us nothing else, I think we can all empathize with the need to feel safe and protected. I also know that not everyone is in a position to give right now and that's ok. For those who are able to make a gift, thank you for upholding the right to seek safety from harm. Donations can be made online at [www.asylumworks.org](http://www.asylumworks.org). Please include "Team Maria Isobel" in the notes section when you complete your donation. If preferred, checks can also be mailed to **Asylum Works/ 2121 Decatur Pl, NW, Suite 4, Washington, D.C. 20008**.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

With much gratitude,

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