



CORPORATE STATEMENTS

Statement on Immigration

We, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, NY and our Associates are guided in our personal and corporate decisions by the example of Jesus, the teaching of the Gospel, our personal and public prayer, the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching and the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph which calls us to inclusive love. We share a common hopeful history with migrating people drawn to a new land.

In our time, as in the past, there is involuntary and widespread displacement due to war, persecution, poverty and climate change. In our current political climate, many who seek freedom on our shores are being denied the opportunity to create a meaningful future for themselves and their families. We believe that fundamental justice cannot be served without attending to their good as well as our own. This belief compels us to deepen our fidelity to the Chapter Directive on Immigration.

Hoping to make a united and practical moral response to increased migration, we will take pastoral, educational and legal measures to strengthen fundamental human flourishing. We pledge to pursue the following goals on behalf of our neighbors who are immigrants and to find effective means to implement them.

- To recognize the presence of Jesus in all persons who are displaced and ensure that our institutions and ministries are examples of inclusion for all. We will create safe space and offer assistance to those whose personal and family security are threatened.
- To use our CSJ educational institutions, ministries and spheres of influence to educate ourselves and others on the value of inclusion and equality in our society, to eradicate racial and xenophobic attitudes, and to encourage diversity and multi-cultural understanding
- To collaborate with religious and civic organizations in political actions necessary for the well-being of immigrants, especially those brought here as children, to support immigrants and refugees threatened by detention and deportation, and to seek the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform leading to citizenship.

Sisters of St. Joseph and Associates will be present to people in their search for inclusion in our communities and intentionally recognize men, women and children who are immigrants with whom we interact on a daily basis. We will respond with courage and fidelity whenever our actions require our sacrifice on behalf of others.