

CORPORATE STANCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANTS, IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

We, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, are a congregation founded by immigrants for immigrants. We believe that all people are worthy of respect and their inherent human rights must be protected.

We strongly oppose the *globalization of indifference* that denies people's dignity, and we denounce the criminalization of migration that puts people looking for a better and safer life for themselves and their families at greater risk.

We support and accompany our migrant, immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters through *globalizing compassion, cooperation and solidarity* by:

- Valuing the positive aspects of communities of origin, communities through which they might travel, and the communities of destination.
- Promoting a *culture of encounter* with hospitality and acceptance rather than xenophobia, discrimination and racism.
- Committing ourselves to work for the human rights of migrants, immigrants and refugees.
- Educating ourselves to welcome, promote, protect and integrate migrants, immigrants and refugees into our communities and institutions.
- Collaborating with Catholic and other institutions that work to defend and to support migrants, immigrants and refugees.
- Researching, identifying, and working to transform the underlying structural causes, whether environmental, economic, political, or social that disrupt people's lives, cause desperation, and force them to migrate.
- Particularly identifying and seeking to change our own impact on climate change that forces millions of people to move and negatively impacts all life on earth.

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