

Ideas for Actions to Support Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and Immigrant Families Fleeing Violence and Persecution in Central America

- **Pray** for the safety and wellbeing of the children and families fleeing violence in Central America and for a compassionate response to the crisis from our elected leaders
- **Organize a meeting** of members of your church parish or religious congregation **with your Congressman/U.S. Senators** to advocate for a compassionate approach to the humanitarian crisis at our southern border and to reject any rollbacks of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2008. (See contact info on back of this sheet.)
- **Write** your Senators and Representative asking that Congress not to gut due process protections enshrined in the bi-partisan Trafficking Victims Protection Re-Authorization Act of 2008. (**Sign** letter to Louisiana Congresspersons.)
- **Write a letter to the editor** voicing opposition to legislative proposals that would roll back humanitarian protections for children and families fleeing violence and persecution and in favor of increased funding for the care of unaccompanied children.
- For attorneys: **Volunteer to represent** unaccompanied immigrant children through the P, B & J project.**
- For bilingual speakers: **Volunteer to interpret and translate** for the P, B, & J project.**
- **Donate money** to Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. CCRGV is working to help families reach their destinations after being released by Border Patrol. They provide meals, donated clothes, showers, and medical assistance at the Rio Grande Valley Refugee Relief Center before transporting families to the bus station. See <http://www.cdob.org/catholic-charities135/donate-now>
- **Provide housing and sponsorship** to a recently arrived immigrant family that has no family members in the U.S. Contact Hilary Chester hchester@usccb.org or Jessi Pore at jpore@usccb.org at USCCB for more info. Such sponsorship would allow the family to leave immigration detention.
- **Join-in local advocacy efforts to work for just and humane comprehensive immigration reform so that families can be reunited in an orderly and safe manner and millions of undocumented immigrants can be freed of the burden of illegality.** Contact JSRI at sweishar@loyno.edu to be added to our Action Alerts email list or sign-up at registration table.
- **Other Ideas?**—Please share in group discussion!