

## Overview

People migrating to the United States are often fleeing war, violence, persecution, economic and political upheaval, and devastating natural disasters. U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported a record number of more than 2 million migrant encounters near the southern border in 2022.

Catholic social teaching holds that humans have a right to move to protect their lives and families. Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) supports the federal government's right and duty to regulate our borders while also calling for effective, humane immigration policies.

As the domestic charitable arm of the Catholic Church in the U.S., Catholic Charities serves our vulnerable sisters and brothers, caring for both citizens and noncitizens, those who are homeless, hungry, disaster-stricken, unemployed and suffering, and welcoming the stranger. The Gospel mandate of Matthew 25 compels us to do so. Our work is humanitarian, not political; we have collaborated with every administration since we were founded in 1910.



## Catholic Charities Responds

Catholic Charities serves noncitizens along the southern border and throughout the U.S. by providing for basic humanitarian needs such as food, shelter and clothing; assisting migrants with social work case management; providing immigration legal assistance; and resettling displaced people from all corners of the world.

Some specifics of the Catholic Charities network response in 2021:



# 608,000

immigrants, refugees and asylees welcomed.



# 225,000

asylum-seekers provided humanitarian essentials (food, bathing facilities, safe shelter for the night).



# 4,600

forcibly displaced people resettled through Reception and Placement Program. 94% of employable adults received employment services.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same.

# Immigration & Refugee Services



## 12,000+

Afghans resettled and helped with housing, employment, health care and schooling for children.



## 79,000

legal consultations. Filed 37,000 cases, including 10,000 DACA renewals, 1,800 TPS, 59 T visas, 1,300 U visas and 300 asylum cases.



## \$19.3 million

worth of in-kind support distributed.

### What Can Congress Do?

CCUSA continues to call on Congress to pass comprehensive policy reforms to help fix our nation's broken immigration system. Specifically, we call upon Congress to take the following immediate actions:

- Provide permanent legal status for our Afghan allies and their families by passing the bipartisan Afghan Adjustment Act.
- Pass legislation to provide DACA, TPS and DED recipients with permanent legal status and a pathway to citizenship.
- Enact legislation to improve the Temporary Agricultural Worker Program for both employers and foreign workers.
- Pass the U.S. Citizenship Act to provide an earned path to citizenship, address the root causes of migration, responsibly manage the southern border and reform the immigrant visa system.
- Provide adequate funding for federal agencies to implement the Uniting for Ukraine program and adjudicate refugee applications efficiently.
- Authorize those paroled into the U.S. through the Uniting for Ukraine program to receive the full range of benefits and services available to people with formal refugee status.
- Stop the use of Title 42 to deny access to humanitarian protections long enshrined in U.S. law to people who are fleeing harm.

To learn more about Catholic Charities' service to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, we invite you to explore **"And They Shall Know Us By Our Love"** ([www.bit.ly/3GQsxnj](http://www.bit.ly/3GQsxnj)).

