

MSC CORPORATE STANCES



JUST POLICIES for IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES and ASYLUM SEEKERS

“It is necessary to respond to the globalization of migration with the globalization of charity and cooperation, in such a way as to make the conditions for migrants more humane.”

- Pope Francis



STOP TRAFFICKING of WOMEN and CHILDREN

“It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are being bought and sold like goods.”

- Pope Francis

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI PATRONESS OF IMMIGRANTS



Frances Cabrini's life was centered on the heart of Jesus. In and through her personal relationship with Jesus, she felt sent as a missionary to the world. With complete dedication to Christ and to the people, Cabrini's desire to spread the love of God and neighbor evoked a zealous and passionate missionary style, which was courageous yet strategic in its risk-taking, confident in facing difficulties, swift in its pace, and intense in its focus.

At the time of her death in 1917, Frances Cabrini and her sisters had founded 67 institutions in nine countries, on three continents.

Frances Cabrini was the first American citizen saint, canonized in 1946. In 1950, she was declared the Patroness of Immigrants by Pope Pius XII.

Today, in centers throughout the world, MSC missionary endeavors strive to keep pace with the rigorous demands of change in responding to the cry of the poor and those trapped in new categories of poverty, while maintaining a continuity of spirit that is personal and life-giving in its approach.

“The world is too small to limit ourselves to one point; I want to embrace it entirely and to reach all its parts.”

- Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

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Responding to the Gospel call for justice and love, honoring the Catholic Social Teachings on the dignity of all persons, and continuing the legacy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, the Stella Maris Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus commits itself to:

WELCOME as brothers and sisters all immigrants to the lands in which we are missioned.

SUPPORT the rights of all persons to flee political, religious, or economic persecution; and support the basic human rights and dignity of all persons regarding: food, shelter, health care, employment at just wages, religious freedom and also honoring their customs and traditions.

EDUCATE others and ourselves about the needs of immigrants.

RE-EXAMINE political laws and regulations in light of these justice issues and to work to change those that do not meet human needs.

WORK in solidarity with immigrants and with others who share our values and beliefs to promote justice and compassion for all immigrants.

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The Stella Maris Province of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands in solidarity with the victims of human trafficking within the territories of our province and around the globe.

Just as we welcome the immigrant in our midst, we condemn the use of violence, abduction, fraud, deception, coercion, or debt bondage to transport women and children from their homes for prostitution, sexual exploitation, forced labor, and/or real or virtual slavery. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "It is a sin against the dignity of persons and their fundamental rights that would reduce them by violence to their productive value or to a source of profit." We recognize that the marginalized status of women and children in our global society makes them vulnerable to sexual and financial exploitation.

We pledge to educate ourselves and others regarding the prevalence, causes, and solutions to the worldwide trafficking of women and children. We promise not only to aid the victims, but also to work together with our friends throughout the world, with UNANIMA and other NGOs, with other religious congregations and advocacy groups, to prevent trafficking, to eliminate its root causes, to identify it when we see it, and to provide alternatives to women and children who have already been or are in danger of being trafficked.



WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR IMMIGRANT, REFUGEE and ASYLUM SEEKER RIGHTS

- Work in parishes and neighborhoods with immigrants and for their concerns
- Participate in causes which promote and bring awareness to the just treatment of immigrants and fair immigration policies
- Contact your lawmaker



TO STOP TRAFFICKING

- Inform others on the issue of human trafficking
- Work on eliminating the demand for prostitution and sweatshop labor. For more information, visit polarisproject.org
- Contact your lawmaker

We remember our own roots as immigrants and are followers of a Savior whose family fled into exile. Our rule of life, set forth in our Constitutions, states:

"As Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we must be open to all people because Jesus welcomed all and gave Himself for all. He showed a special predilection for the displaced, for "little ones" and for marginal peoples in His efforts to bring all to communion in the same God."

- MSC Constitutions 17