



Celebrating 200 Years
in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with Service
Communities of Women & Men in Consecrated Life

There for you then

Women & Men Religious
in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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Volunteer Project Ideas - Groups

Education

- Host a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) panel for interactive exchange
- Host a “Discovering Mercy” presentation on various topics
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQE1TGkUGf6OgnBj3rTmA0w>
- Play the Immigration Board Game from ICJP: <http://ijpccincinnati.org/programs/immigration/>
- Request an immigration presentation
<http://ijpccincinnati.org/programs/immigration/>
- Host a mini- World A’fair – www.aworldafair.org at your church, parish, school, etc.
- Host a dinner buffet with food and information from various cultures; any money raised can be donated
- Choose a country or culture to learn more about; create a presentation for others.
- Host a movie night (Movies: The Immigrant, A Better Life, In America, Maria Full of Grace, Man Push Cart, The Visitor, The Namesake, Big Sick, Avalon, etc.) or find an immigration documentary.

Service

(Please contact an agency as part of your planning before collecting items to donate)

- Collect and package needed material donations
- Create welcome packets for new arrival families or support packets for those already here
- Collect can goods or nonperishables
- Collect & donate diapers
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen, pantry, or shelter
- Organize supplies for refugees
- Help with child care and/or tutoring
- Volunteer to help others learn English
- Build or buy a peace pole for your parish, school, or home
- Partner with an organization to build a home or do home repair
- Write, draw, or color cards that welcome new people to your church, neighborhood, school etc. Ask that these cards be included in registration packets.

Advocacy

- Write letters to address immigration issues. Sample letters can be obtained from the Justice Office of the Archdiocese or various religious communities
- Create or buy posters, yard signs or post-cards that provide information or inspirational messages about welcoming our neighbors.

- Create posters, banners or signs to display in churches or schools that have “welcome” written in various languages
- Create a video informing others about Catholic Social Teaching, one of our social service agencies, or a need in your community.

Fund-raising:

- Fundraiser to provide assistance for green card or citizenship fees
- Raise funds for Catholic Charities or other organizations listed

Prayer

- Host a holy hour (or 24-hour) of adoration for immigrants or those feeling unwelcome
- Attend a multi-cultural parish for Mass and/or prayer service

Volunteer Project Ideas – Individuals

- Introduce yourself to a few neighbors you haven’t met yet (maybe bring cookies)
- Buy grocery store or restaurant gift cards & give away to a stranger
- Visit a nursing home and spend time in conversation
- Support immigrant-owned businesses and restaurants
- Help someone learn English
- Offer your talents to help other organizations (accounting, curriculum development, social media skills, teaching, mentoring, videography or photography, event planning, etc.)