

Congregation of Divine Providence, Melbourne, KY Statement on Immigration

As Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky we are compelled by our spirituality, our history and our experience to stand in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers.

- We know that in God's loving Providence each human person is deserving of a life of respect and dignity.
- The immigrant experience is part of our congregational history. Our founder, Jean Martin Moye, was an immigrant for the sake of evangelization. He died as a refugee from violence and tyranny. Our first sisters in the United States came as immigrant missionaries and many served the immigrant communities. From this beginning until today we continue to have immigrant women among us.
- We have seen in our ministries the human consequences of the present immigration policy of the United States: separation of families, exploitation in the workplace and violations of other human rights.

As daughters of Jean Martin Moye, on fire with the word of God and the urgent message of God's tender love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ,

- We pledge to work for immigration reform that facilitates legal status and family unity, respects the rights of workers and upholds the dignity of immigrant people.
- We commit to continued education of both ourselves and others in matters that concern immigrants.
- We will pray for conversion of heart and for a just and compassionate immigration system.

"Lord, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?" ... He will answer them, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me." (Mt. 25:38-41)