

All Saints Parish
SANCTUARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the congregation of All Saints Parish, by virtue of our identity and charism as *an open and welcoming Catholic Christian Community, joyfully grounded in the Eucharist, that strives to live the Gospel call to holiness and loving service to all* has framed and aligned our Mission with social justice causes including racial justice, Women's, LGBTQ, Disability Rights; and economic justice and has an established legacy of standing in solidarity with and advocacy for the liberation of the poor, oppressed and marginalized locally and globally,

WHEREAS, the congregation of All Saints Parish, embraces Catholic Social Teaching as articulated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see esp. CCC, nos.2401-2463, *et al.*) and the documents of the USCCB treating immigration (see esp. **CATHOLIC CHURCH'S POSITION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM**, August 2013), which as a whole recognize that unjust global and systemic economic relationships and racism form the basis of the injustices that affect immigrants, and seek reform of United States immigration laws to promote fairness, social and economic justice,

WHEREAS, the congregation of All Saints Parish affirms the biblical mandate of Leviticus 19:33-34; 24:22, "When the alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" and Matthew 25:37-40, "Then the righteous will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The Almighty will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me,'"

WHEREAS, the congregation of All Saints Parish affirms the Constitutional principle that people should not be deprived of "life, liberty or property without due process of law," and believes that children who are citizens because of their birth in the United States should not be deprived of their immigrant parents by deportation prior to the exhaustion of all legal defenses consistent with due process of law,

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, we declare ourselves to be a SANCTUARY PARISH and commit to:

Educate ourselves and our community about immigration-related issues

Advocate for justice and comprehensive humane immigration reform

Accompany and support immigrants and their families at their request when facing immigration-related hearings and meetings or seeking change in their immigration status