



SISTERS OF CHARITY  
OF LEAVENWORTH

## Community Stance in Support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform

***“Impelled by the love of Christ,  
we, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth,  
offer every loving service in our power  
to meet the critical needs of God’s people.”  
(SCL Mission Statement, 2010)***

For 152 years the love of Christ has impelled members of the Sisters of Charity to provide leadership in the education, pastoral and healthcare needs of many who were immigrants. Based on long-standing Catholic social teaching, we now also raise our voices, urging our elected officials to effect Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

While acknowledging the right of the United States to control its borders and that the issue of immigration is complex, we also recognize the suffering caused to separated families, exploited workers and those forced to flee from their homelands by poverty, hunger and other forms of violence. In light of our mission statement, we, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, call for Comprehensive Immigration Reform in our country.

In doing so, we join the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in calling for the inclusion of the following elements in Comprehensive Immigration Reform:

- o Global anti-poverty policies to help provide for the basic needs of the poor in underdeveloped nations.
- o Expanded opportunities to reunify families.
- o Temporary worker programs to permit a just and humane system for workers to enter our country legally.
- o Broad-based legalization opportunities for the approximately 11 million undocumented migrants presently in the U.S.
- o Restoration of due process with regard to legal rights of immigrants.

With the dignity of the human person as the foundation of this statement, we ask those among whom we live and work to join us in this struggle to reform the immigration policy of our country.

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