



East Harlem Meeting with 150 Immigrants & Refugees

Representing the following groups assisted by Catholic Charities
will be present in the auditorium with Pope Francis.

Immigrant Workers

- *Day Laborers (Obreros Unidos-Yonkers, Port Chester, Staten Island & the Bronx)*
Catholic Charities works with day laborers to protect their safety ensure better pay and help with services in their communities. Members of these groups have built the chair, altar and pulpit for the Mass Pope Francis will celebrate at Madison Square Garden.
- *Agricultural Workers in the Hudson Valley*
The Catholic Charities Community Center in Kingston hosts quality day for the children of agricultural workers provide by Agro Business Child Development in addition to providing, emergency food, youth recreation and access to immigration legal services to agricultural workers. their families and others in Ulster County.
- *Car Wash Workers*
Catholic Charities works with and advocates for car washers to organize and bargain for improved wages and safe and decent working conditions.

Refugees Escaping Religious Political and Social Status Persecution

- *Refugees and Newcomers from Africa and Asia*
Each year, Catholic Charities helps over 200 refugees seeking asylum in the United States with their legal defense and assists their integration into communities throughout New York.
- *Middle Eastern Christians*
Catholic Charities has helped Christians from Iraq, Syria, Egypt, all victims of government-sponsored persecution, find safety and a new home in New York.

Immigrant Mothers Groups

- *Proyecto Madres (Yonkers & Port Chester)*
Catholic Charities works the mothers, wives and daughters of day laborers to develop employable work skills. Women from these groups sewed the linens for the Mass Pope Francis will celebrate at Madison Square Garden.
- *Comunidad Juan Diego (East Harlem)*
Catholic Charities provides English classes, health and job workshops, organizes peer support groups among other services, to a wide-range of immigrants, including this community of Latino immigrant mothers and children from East Harlem.

Aspiring Immigrant Youth

- *Dreamers*

These young men and women were brought to the United States as infants and children and raised and educated with the same dreams as native born Americans. Catholic Charities has advocated and works to secure these dreams for thousands of young people in New York. .

Educational Advancement and Civic Engagement

- Catholic Charities works with young people throughout the South Bronx and Washington Heights to provide after school and weekend educational, leadership and civic programs to assist with completing high school and entering college. With affiliates, environmental advocacy and initiatives are undertaken in heavily impacted sections of the Bronx.

Children and Families Fleeing Violence and Poverty

- *Unaccompanied Minors*

Catholic Charities has provided legal assistance, social supports and temporary housing. for over 10,000 children who have fled from violence and abuse in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. , Catholic Charities has formed a weekly soccer league in the shadows of Yankee Stadium for these youth.

- *Safe Passages Families*

Catholic Charities helps to reunite families who have been separated after the long and often dangerous journey into the United States.

- *Garifunas*

Catholic Charities provides legal assistance and other support to the Garifuna immigrants who have fled political corruption and chaos in Honduras and settled in the South Bronx

Diverse Immigrant Families from the Caribbean & Latin America

Catholic Charities provides a wide-range of services to diverse immigrants from throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, including English as a Second Language and Civics instruction, physical and mental health services, and cultural programs.

Blind and Visually Challenged Immigrants

Catholic Charities Guild for the Blind helps visually impaired immigrants by providing English language, academic, computer and employment training.

Other Groups Serving Immigrants & Refugees

Immigrant youth and adults from these groups will also be present: Students from the New York Foundling's Bronx Haven Academy, Project Create's Harlem substance abuse programs, Students from San Miguel & Nora Cronin Academy in Newburgh, individuals provided health insurance through Fidelis.