

## September 22, 2025 – Beyond the Headlines: Impact of Immigration Policies on Refugees and Immigrants



This presentation will consider the following topics:

- Rooted in faith (why we are called to serve refugees and immigrants)
  - Key policy changes (increase in enforcement / detention, loss of safety net benefits, termination of refugee resettlement, increasing restrictions for all immigrants)
  - Faces of migration / Catholic Charities response to refugees and immigrants
- Ways to make a difference/How you can help

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