



The Path to Citizenship Immigration Legal Services & Migration Refugee Services



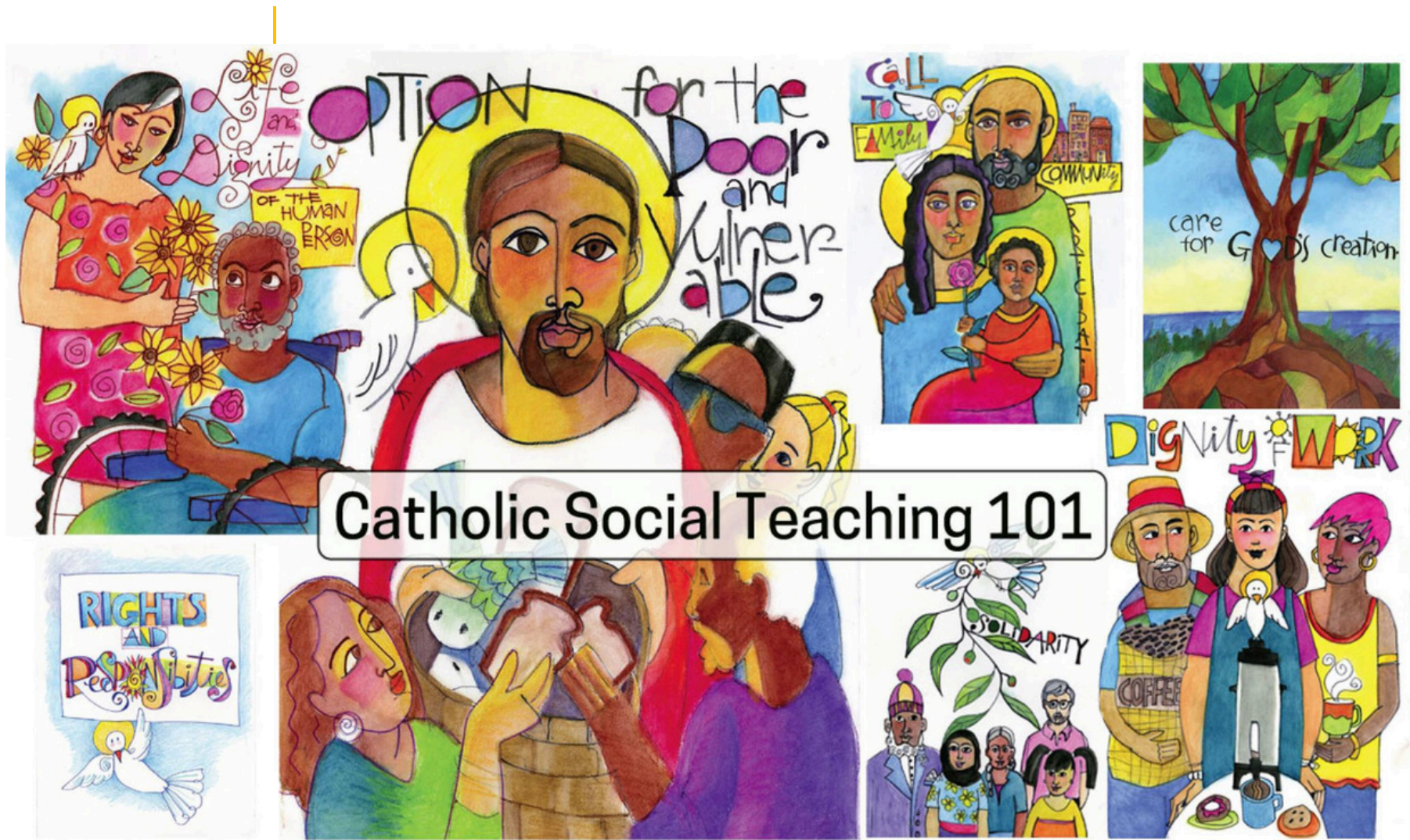


We are the church at work in our community. We lift up those in need, especially the poor and oppressed, with programs and services consistent with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.



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CST 101 THEMES FROM
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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**LIFE AND DIGNITY
OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

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SOLIDARITY

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**RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**CARE FOR
GOD'S CREATION**

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**OPTION FOR THE POOR
AND VULNERABLE**

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**CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY,
AND PARTICIPATION**

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**THE DIGNITY OF WORK
AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS**



Fast Facts



Immigration - True or False

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FALSE!

On average 74.5% of immigrants become naturalized citizens or are active green card holders. Most of the 25.5% of undocumented immigrants *did* enter with legal visas.



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TRUE!

Until the late 1800s the US had an “open immigration system.” In the early 1920s, when passage to America became easier, the regulations became more difficult.



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TRUE!

Over half of undocumented immigrants overstay legal visas and do not cross the border illegally.



Documented vs Undocumented

- **Documented immigrants:** were legally admitted to the United States and hold the proper status to stay here.
- **Undocumented immigrants:** do not hold status to legally stay here. They either entered without inspection, overstayed their permitted visa, or otherwise violate terms under which they were admitted.



Why do we not use the term “illegal immigrant?”

- Though the action of staying here may be illegal, **the person** is not illegal.

Every person has intrinsic value as a human being. Undocumented immigrants have the same human worth and deserve to be treated with the same human dignity, as us all.



Some Documented Terms and Statuses

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Migration and Refugee Services Mission

-To welcome, empower, and Strengthen

-We serve people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and others of goodwill to do the same. We welcome, strengthen, and empower families and individuals to change the world for good, one relationship at a time.



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Migration and Refugee Services Mission

- Provide refugees with the support and assistance they need in order to become **self-sufficient**.
- The role of MRS is to involve, organize, and bring together the agency, church, and community resources necessary for successful resettlement.



Migration and Refugee Services History

- CC started resettling refugees in 1975
- One of three refugee resettlement in KY.
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- The Vietnam War ended in 1975
 - SIV, Refugees
- Bosnia and Herzegovina independence war- 1992-1995
 - Siege of Sarajevo
 - Refugees
- Cuban Arrivals
- 2000's Sudanese civil war
- Somalis civil war
- Late 2000's southeast Asian refugees
- Congolese civil war
- Middle East, South and Central America
- Afghanistan

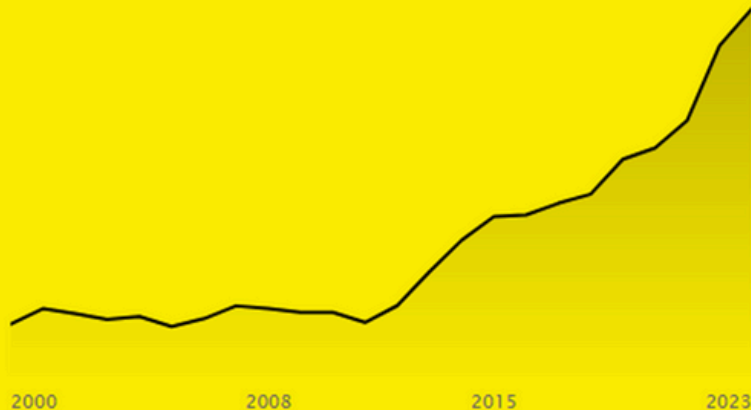


By the Numbers

117.3 MILLION

Forcibly displaced people worldwide

at the end of 2023 as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order.



37.6 MILLION

are refugees



6.9 MILLION

are asylum-seekers



SOLUTIONS

6 MILLION DISPLACED PEOPLE RETURNED

6 million displaced people returned to their areas or countries of origin in 2022, including 5.7 million internally displaced people and 339,300 refugees.

114,300 REFUGEES RESETTLED

114,300 refugees were resettled in 2022, double the previous year (57,500), according to government statistics. UNHCR submitted 116,500 refugees to States for resettlement.

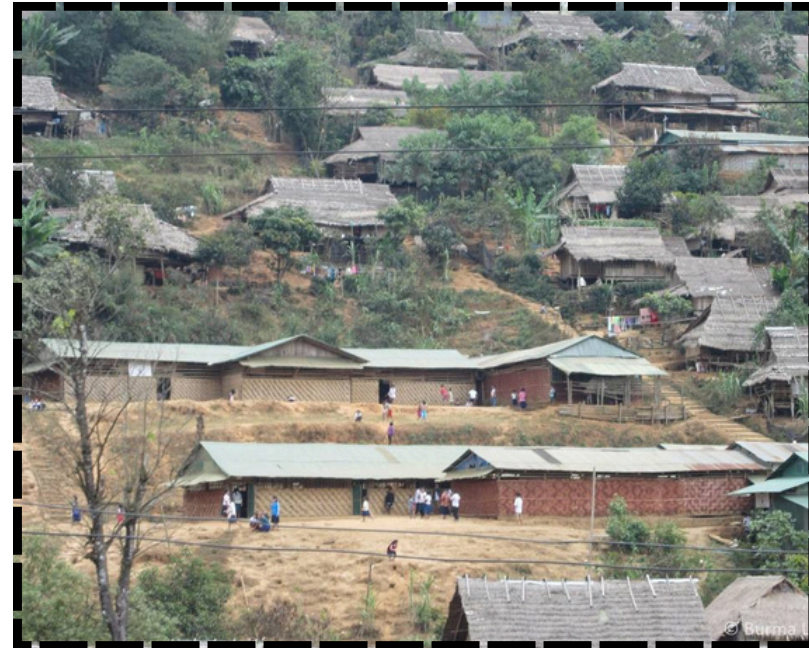


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Journey of a Refugee

- Country of Origin
 - Born and flee due to conflict or persecution
- Refugee Camp
 - Supposed to be Temporary shelter
 - Confined within the territory
 - Become permanent home for some
- New Home
 - USA, Australia, other countries

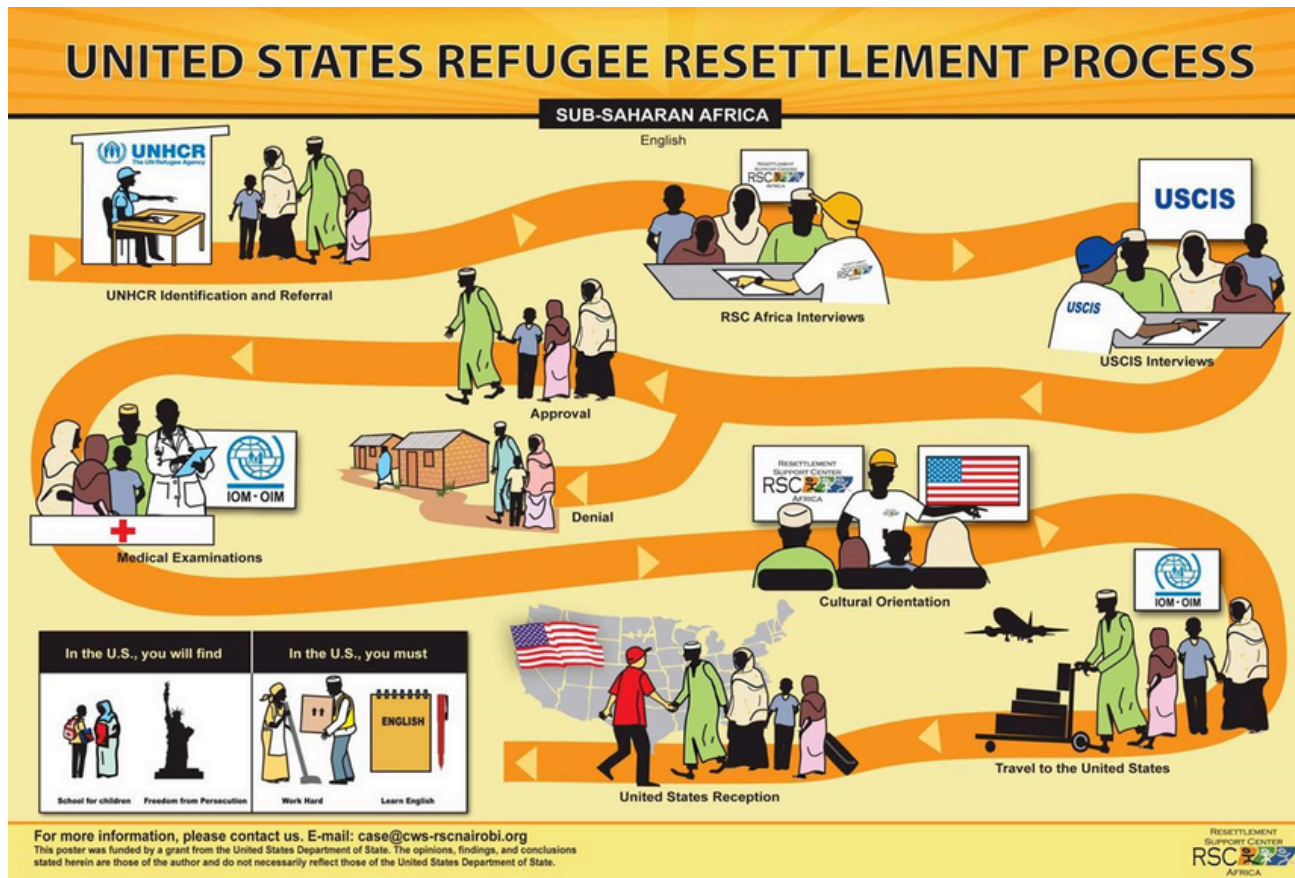


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What are some challenges do you think a
refugee may encounter?



Challenges

- Cultural Differences
- Clothing Requirements
- Hygiene
- Language Access
- Medical Care and Documentation
- Family Separation
- Behavior Expectations



Pre arrival

What are some needs for a refugee to start a new life?



- House
- Job
- Education
- Healthcare
- Clothing
- More



Volunteer and Community Support

- Contact our volunteers to help, if we have them
- Find the refugees a suitable apartment or home
- Collect furnishings, linens, and basic household items
- Prepare adequate food for their arrival
- Dietary and/or Religious restrictions



First 90 days

We...

- “Help enroll children in school
- “Get families to medical appointments
- “Teach adults English as a Second Language. Provide cultural and community orientation such as use of banks, bus routes etc.
- “Begin the process of work orientation, development and placement
- “Long term assistance include job upgrades and adjustment of their immigration status



After 90 Days

- What happens after 90 days?
 - MRS services extend up to 5 years
 - Still provide resources and services.
 - Extended Caseworker
 - Hygiene items, furniture, and household items
- After 5 years, they can apply for their citizenship



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Keeping Families Together

Taking the right path to permanent status in the U.S. is a long and daunting process. We help good people get there safely and properly.

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We provide quality legal service and counseling to low- and moderate-income immigrants and refugees who are navigating the complicated path to permanent legal status in the U.S.



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How do you stay in America **legally**?

- There are different ways, but they all depend on one's circumstances. The most typical way is to apply for a **green card**.
- ***A green card (also known as a Permanent Resident Card) allows you to live and work permanently in the U.S. *it does expire***



Green Card Eligibility Categories

Green Card through Family

Green Card through Employment

Green Card as a Special Immigrant

Green Card through Refugee or Asylee Status

Green Card for Human Trafficking and Crime Victims

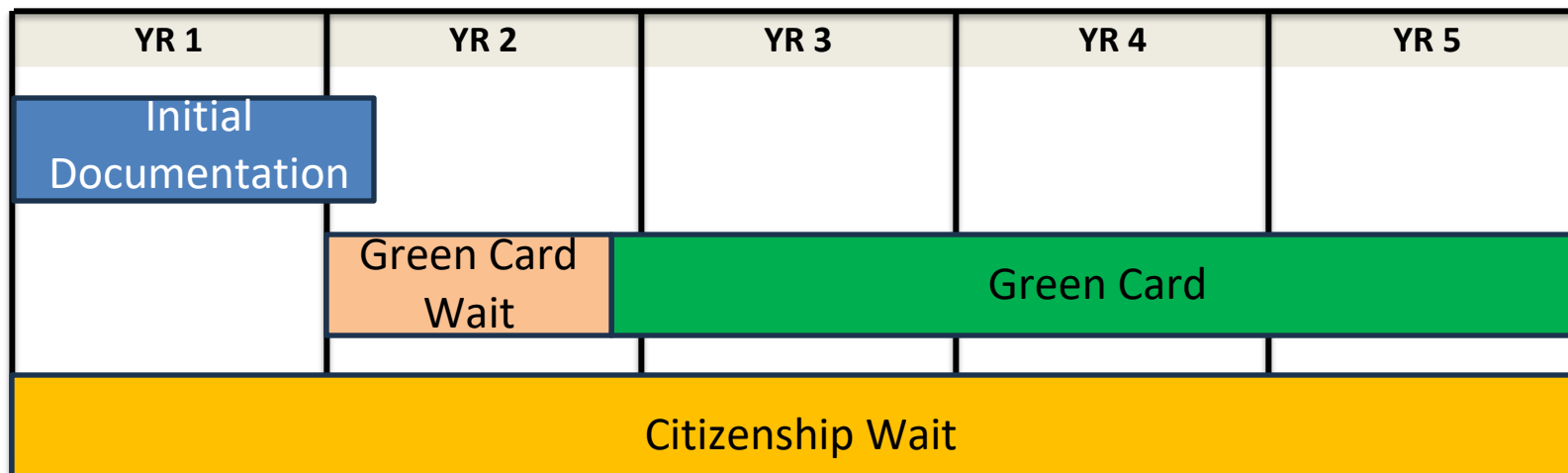
Green Card for Victims of Abuse

Green Card through Other Categories

Green Card through Registry



Documentation Timeline



“Can’t I do it myself?”

NOTE: If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 2.**, you must have selected a family-based, employment-based, special immigrant, or Diversity Visa immigrant category listed above in **Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.g.** as the basis for your application for adjustment of status. Fill out the rest of this application **and** Supplement A to Form I-485, Adjustment of Status Under Section 245(i) (Supplement A). For detailed filing instructions, read the Form I-485 Instructions (including any **Additional Instructions** that relate to the immigrant category that you selected in **Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.g.**) and Supplement A Instructions.



The application process

- **Information for the I-485 application:**
 - Biographical/Identification info
 - Address history
 - Employment history
 - Marriage info and history
 - Children info
 - Extensive criminal background info



Don't forget the Lawyer Fees!

Private Immigration lawyers charge between \$2,000 and \$12,000, with hourly rates ranging from \$100 to \$300.

Avoid NOTARIOS!



Which is why ILS is here to help.

- We make the legal process as easy, cost effective, and reliable as possible.
- There are not a lot of immigration lawyers in town and many of them are very expensive. Plus, there are unreliable people that take advantage of immigrants. Taking their money for fake services.
- ***Through last fiscal year. ILS opened 1,245 new cases and served thousands through the legal immigration path!***



Thank you for listening!

Q&A



Ways to Get Involved

- **Share our mission with others-** Talk to your parents and friends about it!
- **Monetary donations-** Host a drive at school or
- **Volunteer Opportunities-** MRS is always in need of volunteers to help transport clients, tutor English, help in our childcare room and our summer program.
- **Employment opportunity**



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