



Our Lady of the Way, pray for us.

Nuestra Señora del Camino, ruega por nosotros.

Notre Dame du Chemin, priez pour nous.



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries.

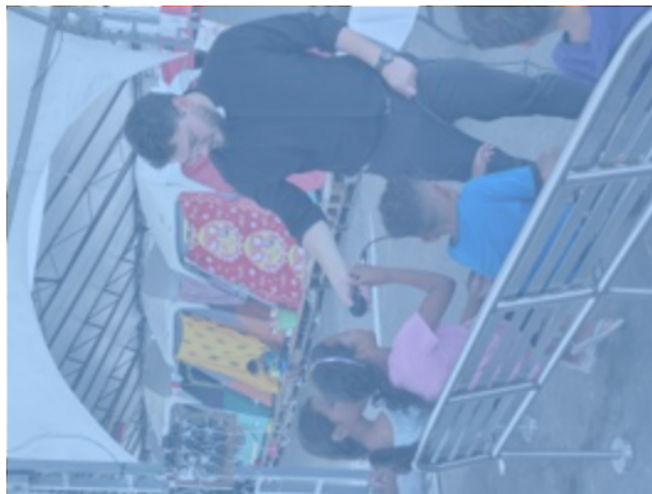
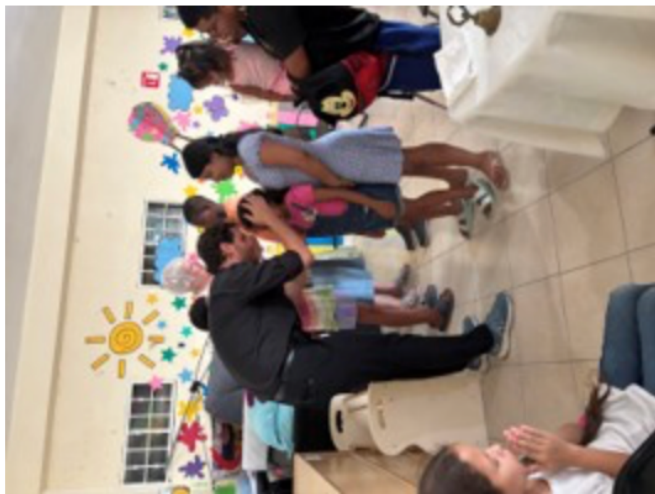
Pope Leo published his message this week for the **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**, which will be celebrated October 4-5.

His message begins by **recognizing the drivers of migration today**. "The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which **force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere**."

In the midst of this reality, **Pope Leo honors migrants and refugees as messengers of hope:** "Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes."

Pope Leo further **calls upon all of us to create communities that welcome migrants in order to be living witnesses of hope**, as we recognize migrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters.

Pope Leo's message: World Day of Migrants & Refugees



We were blessed this summer to be **joined by four Jesuit scholastics** who visited and joined in our ministry: Angelo Canta, SJ (Jesuits East), Billy Critchley-Menor, SJ (Midwest Jesuits), Ian Peoples, SJ, and John Guerra, SJ. See photos of them in ministry above.

Here is a brief reflection written by Angelo after he departed:

"It feels really fitting to end my time in Brownsville, Matamoros, and Reynosa on the Feast of the Sacred Heart

(June 27). In this short time here, **my own heart has been touched by the people who live, work, and wait in this in-between space.** I have met people who are fleeing violence and doing everything they can to provide a dignified life for their families. I have met Catholic sisters, priests, Mennonite families, and people of good will who make it their mission to help and advocate for migrants.

"In the midst of insecurity and anxiety, there is also palpable joy. Masses and baptisms and first communions were marked by praise and thanksgiving to a God who does not forget the most vulnerable. **We sang songs, shared Communion, and blessed one another.** Thank you to Del Camino for the work you do and for letting me accompany you these past two weeks.

"Sacred Heart of Jesus, wounded and tender love of God, have mercy on your people and give them peace."



The **Rio Grande Guardian** recently interviewed Fr. Brian to talk about the ministry of Del Camino and [his experience attending immigration court](#).

He talks about the **criminalization of migrants that is creating a climate of fear** throughout the U.S., including steps taken by [the government to declare that no space will be safe](#), not even churches.

To read the article and watch to the interview, **click below:**

[An Interview with Fr. Brian by the Rio Grande Guardian](#)



We are concentrating our donations on the six shelters we visit weekly in Reynosa and Matamoros. The needs at all locations are great. We are always looking for more donations! We are especially trying to help **supplement the diet for children at the shelters with vitamins and nutritional drinks**. If you'd like to help out, check out our Amazon wishlist, which is based on direct feedback from the migrants themselves. Please donate here:

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

To make a monetary donation you may do so by donating through the Jesuit Central and Southern Province. Follow the link below to support **Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries**. This donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law and will be used to help aid the migrants directly.

[Donate Here](#)

Please know that we are very grateful for any and all support, whether through monetary donations, through the wishlist, and especially through prayer. Our ministry would not exist without the generosity of so many people who want to make a direct difference in the lives of those on the margins. Thank you!