



Lumen Christi CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We are called to be the Light of Christ in the World.

Immigration Stories in the News

Lumen Christi's Social Justice Committee wants to help our parishioners better understand immigration issues in the United States. To do that, the committee has identified some recent stories related to the difficulties that immigrants are facing today in our state and nationally.

A Worthington, MN, father of four was deported to his native Guatemala in October. In this country since he was 16, he had worked and paid taxes for over two decades. A respected member of his community and of St. Mary's Catholic Church, he will not be allowed to return to this country for at least 10 years.

<http://www.startribune.com/a-victim-of-america-s-political-passions-is-deported/450337703/>

An immigrant father from Mexico was given sanctuary from deportation in a downtown Philadelphia church, where his family could visit him. After living at the church for nearly 11 months, he walked free on October 11. Because he had been a crime victim in 2004 and had helped police identify the assailants, he was approved for a visa that will allow him to stay in the United States for at least four more years.

www.nytimes.com/2017/10/11/us/sanctuary-church-immigration-philadelphia.html?_r=0

In October two East Metro refugees received awards from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for their contributions to the state. Paw Wah Toe of the Karen community and Bliia Vang of the Hmong community were honored by Commissioner Emily Piper, who said, "We are thrilled to honor those who have contributed so greatly to our state."

<http://www.twincities.com/2017/10/19/two-minnesota-refugees-now-living-in-east-metro-to-be-recognized-for-contributions-to-state/>

Dad facing deportation who is sole caregiver to ill wife takes refuge at Detroit church.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/01/17/church-sanctuary-immigrant-ill-wife/1040259001/>

'Dreamer' priest faces divided congregation.

<http://www.startribune.com/dreamer-priest-faces-divided-congregation/471345274/>