

Casa Guadalupana

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen." – St Ignatius of Loyola

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Casa Guadalupana is a residence in West St. Paul offering housing and other related services to asylum seekers to the U.S.

The lives of Lumen Christi parishioners who have had the opportunity to interact with the Casa Guadalupana residents have been forever humbled and changed. Despite stories of extreme loss and hardship, the asylum seekers living in Casa Guadalupana possess a deep belief that the U.S. will welcome them into this country. You are invited to access the links provided to learn more about Casa Guadalupana and how its mission answers the call to promote dignity and decency to all human life.

EDUCATE/LEARN: Casa Guadalupana is a residence located in West St. Paul that provides housing and other related services to individuals/families seeking asylum status in the U.S.:

casaguadalupana.org

Asylum is a legal protection granted under US law, for a person who has been forced to flee their country of origin due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on: race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

For current information regarding legislative & proposed changes that impact asylum seekers:

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/what-we-are-working-on/asylum/an-overview-of-asylum/>. – the Catholic church's stance on asylum, from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2009985> "NEJM Perspectives: From Icebox to Tinderbox – A View from the Southern Border"

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/feb/18/mexico-kidnappers-migrants-trump-immigration> : "Kidnappers Prey with 'Total Impunity' on Migrants Waiting for Hearings in Mexico"

ADVOCAE: Join Legislative Advocacy Partners to receive updates on current action opportunities that are directed to current immigration/asylum issues.

<https://www.csjstpaul.org/justice/immigration/>

COMMUNICATE: Receive email updates about the residents living at Casa Guadalupana, status of Casa Guadalupana's goals & involvement of local Twin City parishes.

Contact Dave Haley by [email](#) to be added to the distribution list.

DONATE: Monetary donations ensure ongoing house operations, resident living needs, food etc.

Casa Guadalupana is in need of an Accountant to provide ongoing professional volunteer services. To volunteer your services, [email](#) Dave Haley.

PARTICIPATE:

- Meet residents and form friendships with one -on-one time, story sharing, provide rides to needed appts/ work/shopping etc.
- Ongoing needs for house/yard repairs and small projects.
- Two community parishes currently offer meal prep & delivery programs to Casa Guadalupana residents. Consider being part of a Lumen Christi group to develop a similar plan.
- Most Casa residents are either students and/or have jobs. Opportunities to mentor and coach residents in specific areas of study such as health care, engineering, environment.