

Immigration Working Group Message 3.3.26

As an active member of the IMMIGRATION WORKING GROUP of the AUSCP, I have taken on the task of making some reflections regarding the issue of immigration as it impacts our nation, and indeed our AUSCP members.

Our Immigration Working Group, which numbers 8-10 members, meets via zoom faithfully every month. Without seeming to be boastful, we have every reason to think that we are a very active group within the organization. It is significant that we took center stage at our last gathering in San Antonio by orchestrating the bestowal of our annual John XXIII Award to Ruben Garcia as a part of the closing banquet celebration. His involvement and leadership at Annunciation House in El Paso earned praise by our association which led to this recognition by the AUSCP. Along the way, we had engaged him in staging a webinar on the immigration issue which was viewed by our membership and many others.

At this stage, it has become clear that the immigration crisis has become a hot-button issue in our country. The chaos generated by this administration's creation of the ICE squads in Minnesota has alerted the rest of our nation to gear up resistance to this gestapo-like group of mercenaries. In this statement, our Immigration Working Group is asking that members of the AUSCP body consider joining our working group in our monthly meeting. We have much up-to-date information on immigration issues and need information on the situation in the various areas represented by our membership throughout the country.

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