



BECOME A NAVIGATOR

The Navigator Model is a great way for parishes to enter into ministry with immigrants and refugees.

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THE NAVIGATOR MODEL

In order to respond to the short-term needs of immigrants and help them along their journey, a Navigator Team can work together to help a family or individual in need for one to three months while providing a warm, welcoming, and pastoral presence.

The team would typically serve recent arrivals to the area, but could provide assistance to any immigrant.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

The Navigator Team first meets with immigrants to find out what their needs are. At the first meeting, the Team would provide basic needs items and/or gift card to the immigrant(s) being served.

Parish volunteers are then assigned to help with specific things. Each member of the Navigator Team would have a "specialty," such as employment, school enrollment, healthcare enrollment, local orientation to the town/city, transit orientation, accessing public benefits, connections to cultural and faith communities, etc. Ideally, there would be two people for each area.

Because securing housing can be so challenging, we would not expect that Navigators help with this.

This is a beautiful way for parishes to begin serving immigrants in need, using the gifts that God has provided within their parish.



Corporal Works of Mercy

- FEED THE HUNGRY
- GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY
- RANSOM THE CAPTIVE
- BURY THE DEAD
- SHELTER THE STRANGER
- COMFORT THE SICK
- CLOTHE THE NAKED



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