

Honoring Distinguished Service to Migrants and Refugees

ICMC Pope Pius XII Award for Service to Migrants and Refugees

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn



Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has dedicated more than five decades to serving migrants, refugees, and immigrant communities through pastoral leadership, advocacy, and service. Beginning his ministry among migrants in 1976 as the Archdiocese of Newark's Refugee Resettlement Director, he was then appointed as the Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services in 1985.

Pope John Paul II elevated him as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in 1996, and from 1998 until 2001, he chaired the Migration Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2000, he was appointed a member of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. Because of his wide-ranging knowledge and experience in matters affecting migrants, Bishop DiMarzio has testified frequently before committees of the United States Congress and in 2003 was nominated as the United States representative on the 19-member UN Global Commission on International Migration. Formerly, he was on the Board of the International Catholic Migration Commission, where he served as Vice President.

Appointed the Bishop of Camden in 1999, he established pioneering ministries serving Hispanic, Black, Haitian, Korean, and Vietnamese Catholic communities. Bishop DiMarzio has guided leading migration institutions, including the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., the Center for Migration Studies, and the Migration Policy Institute, helping support research, policy, and public understanding of migration for more than two decades. Today, as Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn, he remains a respected voice and lifelong champion for migrants and refugees around the world.

ICMC Pope Paul VI Award for Service to Migrants and Refugees

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Houston, Texas



The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston (CCVI) is an order of women religious entrusted by God with the mission of embodying the love of Jesus, the Incarnate Word, through lives of prayer, simplicity and service to those in need. Since answering their founding call in 1866 to bring relief to Jesus Christ, “suffering in the persons of a multitude of sick and infirm of every kind,” the Sisters have shared their gifts in ministries of education, healthcare, social concerns and spirituality

in El Salvador, Guatemala, Ireland, Kenya, and the United States. A core pillar of their ministry is supporting immigrants and refugees, which they achieve through both legislative advocacy and direct service to new immigrant communities, as well as through vital partnerships with dozens of immigrant support organizations worldwide. The Sisters first partnered with ICMC in 2025 to build the psychosocial support capacity of educators and pastoral agents in El Salvador to respond to the needs of displaced children. Their work reflects a steadfast commitment to restoring dignity, strengthening communities, and standing in solidarity with vulnerable populations on the margins.



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ICMC James J. Norris Award for Service to Migrants and Refugees

Filippo Grandi
Former United Nations High Commissioner
for Refugees (UNHCR)

Filippo Grandi, an Italian humanitarian with more than four decades of experience serving refugees and displaced people, was the 11th United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), leading UNHCR from 2016 through 2025. During his tenure, he guided the organization through a period of unprecedented global displacement, championing stronger international responsibility-sharing and durable solutions for refugees. Among his most significant achievements is the advancement of the Global Compact on Refugees, a landmark international framework adopted in 2018 that seeks to improve protection for refugees, ease pressures on host countries, expand opportunities for refugee self-reliance, and mobilize broader international support. Grandi maintained a longstanding relationship with ICMC, recognizing its vital contribution to refugee protection and resettlement. UNHCR and ICMC collaborated in several operational contexts, including through the ICMC Deployment Scheme and Resettlement Support Center. In May 2015, ICMC refugee protection experts in Greece received the UNHCR Award for Excellence in Service from Grandi, recognizing the important role played by ICMC-deployed personnel in helping UNHCR respond to complex humanitarian emergencies.



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From 2010 to 2014, he served as Commissioner-General of UNRWA, the UN Agency for Palestinian refugees, having previously been its Deputy Commissioner-General since 2005. He also served as Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Afghanistan and has worked with NGOs - including Catholic Relief Services and Jesuit Refugee Service - and UNHCR in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and at UNHCR's Geneva headquarters.