

# SALT & LIGHT

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## BORDER UPDATE FROM CLINIC

CLINIC, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network has been providing legal services to immigrants for 30 years. They are urgently reminding us that there is still much work to be done to bring just resolutions to the family separation crisis at our borders. For a detailed backgrounder, information about volunteering and providing financial support and talking points for advocacy go [here](https://cliniclegal.org/resources/actions-help-separated-children-and-families-now?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fad14b361a-advocacyalert_June22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fad14b361a-282822981). ([https://cliniclegal.org/resources/actions-help-separated-children-and-families-now?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=fad14b361a-advocacyalert\\_June22&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-fad14b361a-282822981](https://cliniclegal.org/resources/actions-help-separated-children-and-families-now?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fad14b361a-advocacyalert_June22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fad14b361a-282822981))

## SUPER SALE

Picture a cross between the Antiques Road Show and a really great garage sale. You'll find furniture, art, household goods, jewelry, toys and many strange and wonderful things under one roof and all at bargain prices!

*Proceeds help resettle our refugees clients.*

See website for details: <http://www.saintsplace.org/>

Preview evening: Tuesday, July 10th, 4 – 8 pm \$25 entrance fee

Wednesday, July 11th 9AM - 6PM (Opening Day)

Thursday, July 12th 9AM - 5 PM

Friday, July 13th 9AM - 5 PM (Half price ALL day)

Saturday, July 14th 9AM - NOON Bag Sale

St. Louis Church 60 S. Main St. Pittsford, New York

## FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

Join immigrant advocates in Washington Square Park at 3:00 on Saturday, June 30th to speak out against family separation and to speak for the reunification of families. This Rochester event is part of a national day of protest. Learn more at [https://www.facebook.com/events/627632574247199/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/627632574247199/?active_tab=about).

Please note that there is just one unified event being held; an earlier 11:00 am event was canceled and merged with the 3:00 demonstration.



## MERCY FUNDRAISER

Mercy Spirituality Center will begin its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a 2-day community event featuring prominent speaker, activist, and best-selling author Shane Claiborne.

Shane will give a keynote speech, "Becoming the Church We Dream of" on Friday, August 3, 6:30 pm, and will facilitate a workshop, "Dreams into Action" on Saturday, August 4, from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm.

Shane Claiborne worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta and founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia. He co-founded Red Letter Christians, a movement of people who are committed to living "as if Jesus meant the things he said." Shane's books include *Red Letter Revolution*, *Common Prayer*, *Follow Me to Freedom*, *Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers*, *Executing Grace*, his classic *The Irresistible Revolution*. His newest book, *Beating Guns* will be published soon.

The event will be held at The Clover Center for Arts and Spirituality, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610 which has generously donated use of its beautiful space. Friday night keynote only -- \$40; Saturday morning workshop only -- \$50; Full program, both events -- \$75.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

For more information, call 585-473-6893 or email [hrockwell@mercyspiritualitycenter.org](mailto:hrockwell@mercyspiritualitycenter.org)

"In my Message for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I suggested that our pastoral response to the challenges of contemporary movements of migration can be expressed by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate. Welcoming means expanding legal and secure programs of reception for those who arrive, as well as offering suitable and dignified accommodations that guarantee their personal safety and access to basic services. Protecting involves offering trustworthy and verified information to migrants and refugees prior to their departure, defending their basic rights independent of their legal status, and watching over the most vulnerable, the young children."

-Pope Francis, 9/22/17

## CFC CLARIFICATION

A recent article in the Washington Post included a map that indicated Catholic Family Center was hosting immigrant children who had been separated from their parents. Here are the facts:

- There is not a bus load of children who were separated from their parents at the border heading to Rochester and CFC. We have not been asked to provide shelter to any of the children separated from their families because of the President's "Zero Tolerance" policy. We are not aware that any of these children have been brought to the Rochester area.
- CFC has for many years operated a foster care program for UAC kids. UAC stands for Unaccompanied Alien Children. Our program provides foster care placement with local families for minors, all of them teenagers who arrived to the border alone or without parents or guardians. In this program which presently has 8 children, our team works with our foster parents in supporting these youth while they further their education, work on their independent living skills and follow a legal immigration process that is aimed at securing their refugee status which then allows for permanent residency.
- Because we operate the UAC program, CFC was identified in a map of providers published by the Washington Post. The map did not distinguish between UAC foster care providers like CFC and those organizations that are providing temporary shelter to those children separated from parents at the border due to President's Trump's "Zero Tolerance" policy.

### **CFC released the following statement today to various news outlets:**

"Catholic Family Center supports immigrant and refugee families as part of our mission. This work includes providing shelter and support for unaccompanied children arriving in the US. However, we have not been asked to provide support to any of the children separated from their families because of the President's zero tolerance policy. We are not aware that any of these children have been brought to the Rochester area."

## HELPING LOCALLY

The Foster Parent program that shelters unaccompanied teens is always in need of assistance. Find out how you can help at <https://www.cfcrochester.org/our-services/strengthening-families/foster-care/>

## FACES OF IMMIGRATION

The USCCB's Justice for Immigrants program regularly publishes real stories of immigrants. Here's their most recent:

"I left my Central American country as a 16-year old boy, leaving behind my mother and sister in our hometown. I left because the gangs wanted to kill me and because of this I decided to travel to the United States by myself. It took almost a month to make the passage through Central America and Mexico. I traveled by buses, cars and walking, and made the decision not to take the dangerous and notorious train that migrants call La Bestia. It was an exhausting journey. After being processed by an immigration official I was placed in a child shelter facility. After two and a half months, I had the great fortune to be resettled by a local Catholic Charities agency in the Northwest. Agency staff made sure I was placed in a safe home with a caring family, helped me adjust and get acclimated to my new life, and encouraged me to perform well in school. I graduated from high school, moved on to a community college, and will graduate with my Associate of Arts degree this summer. A big-city university is providing me with a full scholarship to continue my studies next year where I plan to major in Medical Social Work. I hope to be a medical social worker after graduating from the university. As a way of giving back for the kindness and nurturing they provided, I am interning this summer with the Catholic church by working in the diocese's farm-worker assistance program and helping immigrant families and kids. Read more stories at <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/faces-of-migration/stories-of-migration/>

## AUGUST INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Youth: Each year, the Brian and Jean Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue invites high school students to a week-long summer workshop at Nazareth College to explore world religions and interfaith dialogue. Concentrating on a youth interfaith encounter approach, the program includes seminars, interactive workshop sessions, group discussions, site visits to local places of worship, and community service. For details go to <https://www2.naz.edu/interfaith/programs/workshops-training/next-generation/>

Adults: Train the Trainers - Interfaith Immersion: Leadership Skills, Communication and Conflict Management with Spiritual Journeys to Places of Worship. Learn more at <https://www2.naz.edu/interfaith/programs/workshops-training/train-trainers/>