



The OSP-IHM Border Mission, “Mary, Comfort of Migrants,” would like to thank SOAR! for their recent grant of \$25,000. The funds will support the Volunteer Program in McAllen, Texas. It will pay for the airfare and food stipend of sisters age 65+ who wish to volunteer side by side with the core community at the border.

We invite IHM and OSP sisters and associates to consider volunteering for two weeks. Our home can accommodate 2-3 volunteers at a given time. The dates available in Spring and Summer 2024 are:

**May 4 - 18**

**July 7 – 20**

Sisters of any age who would like to volunteer are encouraged to speak to their congregational leader about financing their trip and time of service.

Please contact Sister Rose Patrice Kuhn (215-313-7753) or Sister Mary Elaine Anderson (570-575-2325) to make sure that your preferred dates are still available.



## CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK WITH OUR MIGRANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

What a profound experience and blessing to walk with migrants during Holy Week! Our migrant brothers and sisters truly incarnate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus in our present-day world. This year, we (Carmen, Elvia, Rose, and Mary Elaine) accompanied Brian Strassburger, SJ, to Senda de Vida 2, a migrant encampment on the outskirts of Reynosa, Mexico, for the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Last year we celebrated Holy Week in Casa de Migrantes, a shelter run by the Daughters of Charity in Reynosa, Mexico. There we met Jesuit priest Alejandro Olaya-Mendez, who is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work, at Boston College. Alejandro was so touched by his experience of Holy Week last year that he returned to celebrate with the migrants this year. We invite you to listen to the podcast in which Alejandro reflects on his experience and the meaning of the Holy Week celebrations in the migrant context. Click the link below to access the podcast.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/jesuit-border-podcast/episodes/S6E7-Holy-Week-with-Alejandro-Olaya-Mendez--SJ--Jesuit-priest-and-Assistant-Professor-in-the-School-of-Social-Work-at-Boston-College-e2hg3/a-ab3ornv>

Young disciples of Jesus in the river migrant camp



Celebrating Holy Thursday in the migrant camp

Way of the Cross in the migrant encampment

