

# CCVI CATHOLIC SISTERS INTERCONGREGATIONAL NETWORK U.S./MEXICO & SISTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE LATIN AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS

Dedicated to providing quarterly updates on the Hilton Project's progress toward building the capacity of religious sisters, ministries, and congregations in serving impoverished indigenous and migrating children.

# HILTON FOUNDATION PROJECTS—BUILDING RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES' CAPACITY TO SERVE COMMUNITIES

#### CCVI-Hilton Projects Highlights: October 2024 – March 2025

CCVI-Hilton Network Funds Disbursed -First Five Months Data	
Beneficiaries (U.S. and Mexico)/Goal	113,252 /566%
Money Disbursed to Ministries	\$271,700
Sisters Participating in Funded Ministries/# of Congregations	75/41
Partnerships	154

SLDI Religious Sisters Leadership Training - First Five Months Data	
Sisters Trained via SLDI –new students	148
Sisters Trained via SLDI – graduate students;	57
SLDI Countries Served.	17

• For the reporting period, Network Funds requests included family/social services (47%), educational needs (27%), health (22%), and entrepreneurship (4%);

- The majority of the Network Funds requests in Mexico (22) were concentrated in the state of Chiapas and the city of Juarez in Chihuahua;
- The majority of the Network Funds requests in the United States (9) were received from five states; Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Texas;
- SLDI Leadership Certification modules, March 2025 through February 2026, will cover topics such as collective human development, transformational leadership, institutional development, project management, impact assessment and learning communities to build religious sisters' knowledge and skills toward effective management of their ministries;
- SLDI continuing education modules for sisters completing certification course began with a March webinar *How to create diverse and effective work teams*.



# CCVI Brings Attention to the Needs of its Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Populations in the U.S. and Mexico

• In the past decade, the United States immigration and refugee asylum policies have accelerated efforts to enforce the deportation or delay entry of over five million persons and families from around the globe seeking safe harbors from hunger, poverty, ecological disasters, political turmoil, and persecution;

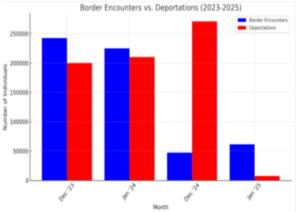
• Since 2017, CCVI has assumed leadership in addressing the emergent and urgent needs of thousands of immigrants, migrant, and refugee individuals and families on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border;

Border Encounters vs. Deportations (2023-2025)

• The CCVI congregation, in partnership with health and social services organizations on both sides of the border, has provided food, shelter, legal assistance, transportation, and religious support to well over 150,000 individuals and families on the move each year;

 As 2025 unfolds, a shifting immigration landscape emerges at the U.S.-Mexico border. In the first month of the new administration, DHS deported 37,000 individuals;.

Recent reports highlight new deportation agreements, changing migration
patterns and treatment of those seeking entry. However, there are
concerns about the safety and rights of vulnerable migrants deported to
potentially dangerous situations.



# CCVI Projects: CSICN and Migrant. Immigrant and Refugee Network (MIRN) at Work

The CCVI's ministry, Migrant, Immigrant and Refugee Network (MIRN), leads the CCVI effort in responding to the urgent needs of people migrating across the U.S.-Mexico border and beyond. At the present time, MIRN has received and provided support to people

on the move from twenty countries in North America, Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia:

- The MIRN mission facilitates partnership and leadership development among community organizations and ministries to promote education, humanitarian aid and advocacy on behalf of migrants, immigrants, and refugees on the move;
- CCVI does not have the resources to help all these organizations and ministries address the needs of the rising wave of immigrants, migrants and refugees impacted by current policies, hatred, and fear.

# How Can you Help?

- Educate and Inform: Share accurate information about migrant and refugee experiences to combat misinformation and foster empathy;
- Support Frontline Organizations: Donate to or volunteer with groups providing critical resources like shelter, legal aid, and healthcare;
- Amplify Migrant Voices: Highlight stories of migrants and refugees to raise awareness and promote understanding;
- Engage Your Community: Organize discussions, events, or fundraisers to inspire collective action for migrant support;
- **Demand Accountability:** Urge lawmakers to ensure humane treatment of migrants and transparency in immigration and deportation policies.

#### Meet our Team!!

- Rocio De Hoyos Hilton Project Administrative Manager, United States and Mexico
- ♣ Alejandra Buitron MIRN Director
- ♣ Dr. Denise Krohn Peña Project Evaluator
- Idalia Sanchez Project Consultant

Newsletter Team - Dr. Vicente Sanchez, Nettsaanett Gray

#### Recognizing our Sisters Network Coordinators

- CCVI Coordinators:
  - \* Sr. Maria Elena Corripio
  - \* Sr. Bertha Elena Flores
- SLDI Coordinators:
  - Sr. Ma. De la Luz Cardona Cerda, General Coordinator
  - Sr. Lilia Guillermina Gutiérrez Aguirre, Wednesday Morning Group Coordinator
  - Sr. Guadalupe Andrea Hernández S., Wednesday Afternoon Group Coordinator
  - Sr. María Guadalupe Martínez González, Thursday Morning Group Coordinator
  - Sr. Carmen Daniela Arteaga Soto, Thursday Afternoon Group Coordinator