

ST VINCENT NSM NEWS DECEMBER 2023

THE GUZMAN FAMILY
Pictured outside St.
Vincent Church.

Mother, Solanni flanked
at left by Albelis and her
twin brother, Albert. They
will be 7 in February. On
the right is 5-year-old
Sodelis. The twins have
severe developmental
challenges. Please
remember them this
Christmas.



Solanni is a naturalized
American citizen from the
Dominican Republic. A
single mother, she loves her
children dearly, but is
challenged in caring for
their extraordinary needs.
She has an associate
degree in family care. She
is looking for someone in
need of home care.
Currently she is not
working due to an injury
to her left hand.

2023 in Review

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH is an allied faith community of the *New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia*. Parishioners participate in several ways in the struggle for justice for the undocumented immigrant community in Philadelphia. We take part in the Driver's License Campaign. We are lobbying to get House Bill 769 passed in the Pennsylvania legislature. We also have participated in welcoming busloads of immigrants arriving from Texas by collecting hygiene items and clothing to give to them upon arrival. Buses were arriving weekly until October but now, for some unknown reason, they have stopped coming. To

help immigrants living in Philadelphia we reach out in a number of ways with information they need to find lawyers and other services. At times we provide financial support. This effort is called "Accompaniment". The Accompaniment team meets every two months to strategize and socialize. St. Vincent parishioners are invited to take part. Occasionally we gather for protests and demonstrations. Recently we came together at the Center for Criminal Justice in Philadelphia, along with representatives of other immigrant rights groups, to protest ICE's improper seizure of immigrants in the court house before their cases are adjudicated.

For more information, contact the St. Vincent committee via email: NSM@Saint-Vincent-Church.org
To donate, envelopes marked Refugee Fund can be dropped in the Sunday offering basket.



PRAYER Agustin Aguilar is being helped by St. Vincent parishioners while he is being treated for a number of after-effects of injuries sustained in a vicious attack on Spring Garden St. when he was returning home from work 12 years ago. Other recently arrived Hondurans are getting help from the parish. Please pray for their welfare and the welfare of refugees and asylum-seekers the world over. Pray for peace and justice in our world.