



US: Catholic initiative to help undocumented immigrants
A telephone line will advise undocumented workers and their families.

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Chicago, Tuesday, September 20, 2011 (ZENIT.org The Observer).-led by the archdiocese of Chicago, a group of civil society organizations, along with diplomatic representations and immigrant support groups, released the start-up of a telephone communication line 1-855 to defend the human rights of workers and their families, especially Mexicans, who have a strong presence in this city of the United States.

The 1-855 HELP MY FAMILY hotline aims to defend undocumented workers and their families from imminent risk of deportation.

This is an immediate helpline by which immigrants will have legal, procedural, consular and solidarity advice so that their human rights are not violated under the pretext of not having work papers.

The association includes 35 groups of social service providers, 27 teams of specialists and community activists, 17 private law firms, federations of Mexican natives, as well as the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The 1-855 HELP MY FAMILY line will be attended by 67 trained volunteers to provide information and bring help to immigrant families in English, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese 24 hours a day. The center is located at the Mexican Consulate in Chicago.

The helpline will be financed with private funds as well as individual donations and is an attempt to create legal assistance, social service, support, and counseling service for immigrant families.