ACTIVITIES

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

providing a new home to those who have lost theirs.

NEWCOMER SUPPORT SERVICES,

Help with

- Registration assistance (MSI, SIN, driver's license, schools)
- Transportation assistance (e.g. from airport, medical appointments, Mass, etc.)
- Budgeting assistance (for short or long-term goals).
- Resume assistance (using resumes and job application websites effectively)

PROGRAM REFERRALS AND PARISH CO-ORDINATION

refer to existing programs and services in nonprofits and government,

- ISANS, Dal Legal Aid, ACORN, food banks, 211, etc.
- connect newcomer need to parish donated items.
- work with the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul
- hold social events to meet new people and other parishioners.

PRAY WITH US

"Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters.

May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace."

Pope Francis

GOOD SHEPHERD Catholic Parish

NEWCOMER MINISTRY

I WAS
"**A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME**."
MATTHEW 25:35

ABOUT US

AS A COMMUNITY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOURS AND BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN OUR COMMUNITY.
WE ARE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISHIONERS WHO HELP NEWCOMERS SETTLE; WE HAVE SPONSORED REFUGEES SINCE 2015 AND WELCOMED ALL NEWCOMERS SINCE 2024.

In the past year, we helped open-work permit holders, international students, and refugee applicants find work, food, shelter, furniture, warm clothes, and programs to meet their needs.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR HELP

A PARISHIONER WHO HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED LEGAL STATUS TO RESIDE IN CANADA—INCLUDING STATUSES SUCH AS A STUDENT VISA, PERMANENT RESIDENCY, WORK PERMIT, OR REFUGEE STATUS.

TO ACCESS OUR SERVICES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE.

SUPPORT US

FINANCIAL DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP, AND CAN BE MADE THROUGH GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH BY INDICATING **THE NEWCOMER MINISTRY**.

TO VOLUNTEER OR TO DONATE AN ITEM, PLEASE EMAIL US AT

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