

Hope for Migrants and the Poor

Presented by Sacramento Comitium of the legion of Mary

The Flight into Egypt

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

“Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.

And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

(Mat 2:13-15)

Reflection

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, be with us and guide us.



Reflection



Before We Begin!

The Flight into Egypt

Hope

Example

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Introduction



- **Background to the increase in migration worldwide**
- **Economic Factors**
- **Political & Social Factors**
- **Recent Trends**

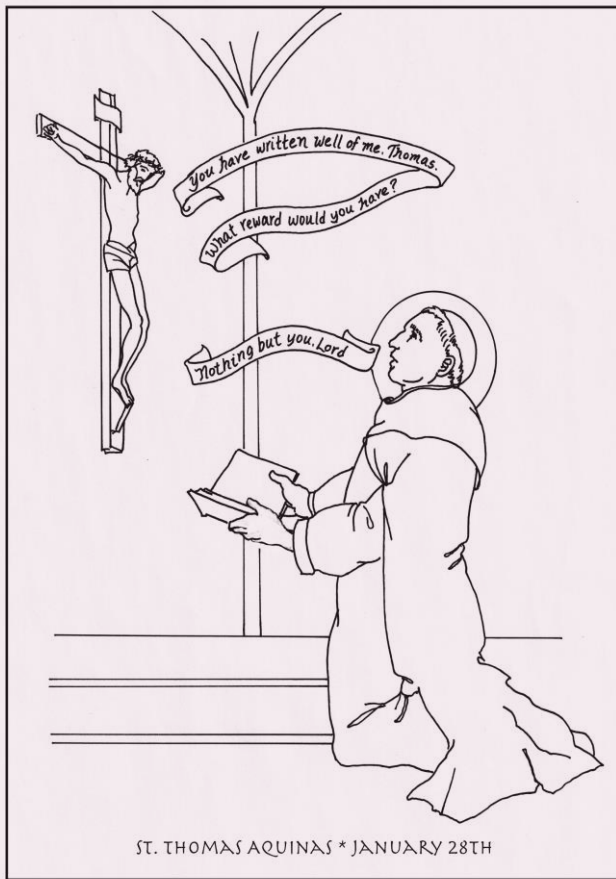
The Historical Context of U.S. Immigration Policies



- Foundational Principals
- Selective Amnesia & Nativism
- Legislative Changes
- War & Displacement
- Recent Developments
- Moral Imperatives

Theological Foundations: St. Thomas Aquinas

“Summa Theologica”



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- The Right to Control Borders
- Types of migrants
- Common Good and Citizenship
- Moral Responsibility

Pope St. John Paul II



- **“Memory and Identity”:**
- **what is a ‘Nation’**
- **The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2241)**

Contemporary Reflections:

Pope Francis



- **The Right to Control Borders**
- **Common Good and Immigration Policy**
- **Welcoming the Stranger**
- **Addressing Root Causes**
- **"Spes non confundit"**
- **"Hope does not disappoint"**

Theological Foundations of Hope

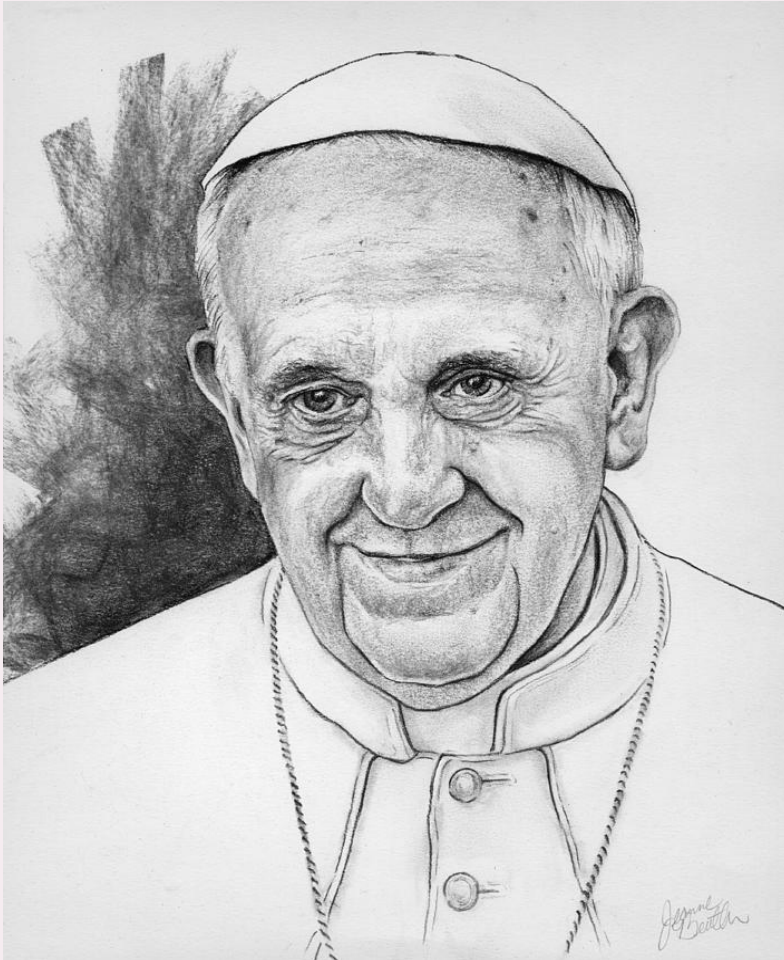
- **Biblical Context**
- **Hope as a Response to Despair**

Compassion and Solidarity with Migrants and the Poor

- **Recognizing Dignity**
- **The Church as a Beacon of Hope**
- **Advocacy for Justice**
- **Welcoming the Stranger**
- **Addressing Root Causes**



The Role of Dialogue and Community



- **Fostering Dialogue**
- **Building Community**
- **Grassroots Initiatives**
- **"Spes non confundit"**
- **Pope Francis' Legacy**

Analysis of *True Devotion to the Nation* by Frank Duff, in Light of Ireland's Transformation (1958–2025)



- **From Emigration to Immigration:
Reversal and Its Discontents**
- **Prosperity Without Soul? The Danger
Frank Duff Predicted**
- **The Legion as a Model for National
Renewal—Still?**
 - **A call to rebuild civic trust**
 - **A framework for integration**
 - **A challenge to Catholic
institutions**
 - **A rebuke to passive reliance
on State intervention**

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National Idealism and the Soul of a Country

- Tourism, Culture, and Evangelization:
A Forgotten Strategy
- A Blueprint for Today: Relevance in Crisis



- A Christian anthropology
- A Catholic sociology



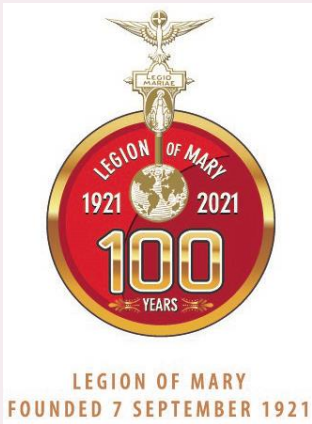
- Immigration and poverty are deeply interconnected.
- Real solutions require balance.
- Communities themselves have a key role in integration.
- Immigration is not only a political or economic matter, but a moral challenge.

Conclusions



- **A Balanced approach**
- **Collaboration**
- **Sustainable solutions**
- **Deeply rooted in theology and ethics**
- **Upholding dignity and the common good**
- **Balancing national interests**
- **Our own responsibilities**
- **Emphasize Spiritual & Moral responsibilities to the poor and migrant**
- *“Let us pray that future migrants are welcomed by enlightened, charitable and sharing government administrations”*

Why Frank Duff Still Matters



- His principles are even more relevant now to the whole world, than in 1958!
- Greater wealth but **weaker faith**
- More opportunity but **less unity**
- More diversity but **less direction**
- **A renewed moral center**
- **A grassroots spiritual engine**
- **A vision of community grounded in charity, truth, and sacrifice**
- **The Legion is more necessary than ever.**



"Remember, every Life is a migrants journey into Eternity.

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