

Migration Office of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

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Sponsorship
Agreement Holder (SAH)
Work in Partnership with
Parish CGs

"Welcoming the Stranger – Extending Christ's Teachings in Action"

A Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) is an organization authorized by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)/ Government of Canada to sponsor refugees to Canada.

A Constituent Group (CG) is a local group often from a parish or community authorized by a SAH to help sponsor and support a refugee or refugee family (Extensions of the Office).

Mission Rooted in Scripture

For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

As a SAH (Sponsorship Agreement Holder), our Diocese is entrusted with the sacred responsibility of resettling refugees.

Our work reflects Christ's teaching of compassion, hospitality, and justice.

We collaborate closely with Parish Refugee Committees (CGs) to make this mission possible.

Who We Have Helped

Countries of Origin – Stories of Courage

- With God's guidance and your support, we've been able to welcome families and individuals from:
 - Sudan
 - Iraq
 - Afghanistan
 - Eritrea
- And many more countries where persecution and war displace people from their homes.
- These individuals are not just names on a form. They are mothers, fathers, children, now rebuilding lives in safety and hope.

Developments in the Past Year

Pausing of all Group of 5 sponsorships

Canadian Government made significant changes to the refugee programs in Canada last, namely:

Pausing of all community sponsorship

The impact of this has driven up pressure on SAH spaces (that were already under pressure)

Reduction of SAH space allocations

Our SAH was allotted 30 spaces from 65

The Role of the Migration Office

Our team:

- Reviews and submits refugee sponsorship applications to IRCC.
- Suides parishes and CG groups through every step of the process.
- Ensures legal, financial, and pastoral responsibilities are fulfilled.
- Advocates for fairness, compassion, and dignity in refugee sponsorship.



Transparency & Equity (2025 Update)



New Process, Same Mission



In 2025, we introduced key reforms to improve our process:



A Selection Committee was formed to review applications for submission during the annual window.



Rubric-based evaluation was introduced to ensure fairness and transparency.



Committee members remain confidential and are not active members of any parish CG, maintaining impartiality and trust.



These changes align our practices with Gospel values—seeking justice, inclusion, and fairness.

Application Timeline

Applications
Received

Selection
Committee
Reviews

RubricBased
Selection for
Submission



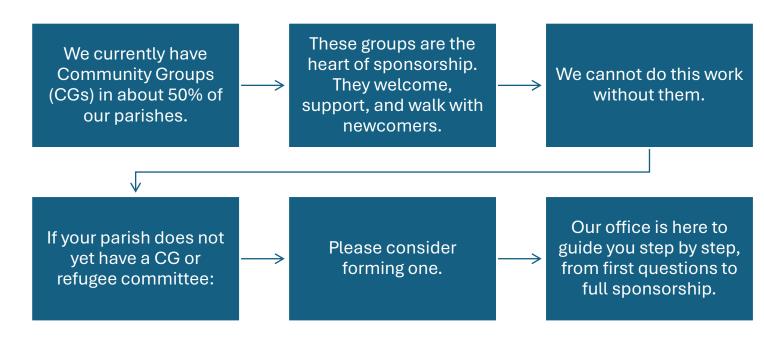


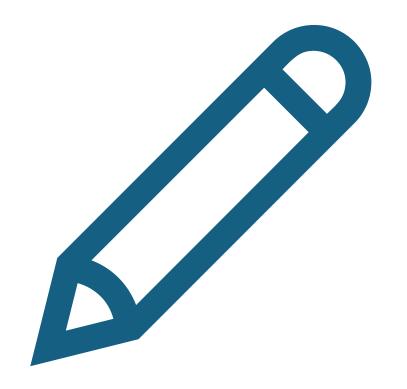
- All spots fully used
- No returns expected

- Application Submissions
- Nearing completion for the year
- Final files in review stage



Our Parish CGs – Our Backbone





Upcoming Activities

- New Application Window
- Info session to be scheduled
- Guidance on eligibility & process
- Community Gatherings
- CG Round Table upcoming
- Planning + collaboration for 2026 intake

A Call to Action

- "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."
 Matthew 25:40
- We invite more parishes to take up this Gospel call.
 Whether it's forming a CG, supporting another parish, or learning about refugee sponsorship. You can make a difference.
- Let us walk together in this mission of mercy and hope.
- The Office of Migration will support the development of any parish looking to sponsor. Please contact Hannah at migration@saskatoonrcdiocese.com_or call 306-659-5842 for more information.

Final Thank You – A Memory

"I remember one arrival: a family stepped off the plane, eyes filled with tears not of fear, but of relief. The youngest child clutched a tiny Canadian flag and said, 'Are we safe now?"

Yes. Because of you, our parishes, our CGs, our partners, they are safe now.

Thank you for continuing the work Jesus began: welcoming the stranger, healing the brokenhearted, and standing with the oppressed.

• Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

Isaiah 1:17