

The Ketteler Legacy

Welcome to the United States

You have only to listen to the evening news or read the headlines of the local newspaper to know that a lot of Americans have pulled in the welcome mat and say “We don’t want you in our country”. “You don’t speak English, you’re religion isn’t popular, we’re afraid of you. Go back to your war torn country, take your chances with the enemy, the lack of food and a home. Don’t worry about your children, they don’t matter.” History has proven that when we begin to hate those whose religion, ethnic background or skin color is different from ours, when government leaders build walls or bar people from homes and a livelihood, we are looking at a country based on Nazi Germany, a country of hatred, war, and suffering.

As people who professed to follow Jesus, Ketteler, and Mother Marie, we as a Congregation need to be willing to open our hearts, our resources, and our homes to help the people no one wants or fears. Are we courageous enough to open our hearts and homes to those fleeing their country for a chance of a new life? Are we willing to share our resources with these people? Are we willing to shout, “*Come, we welcome you to our Community, to our Country, to our Hearts*”?

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“So you too must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens your selves in the land of Egypt.”
(Deut. 10: 18)

“We live in the age of the refugee, the age of the exile.” (Ariel Dorfman)