



CHURCH AND STATE USA + CHURCH AND STATE MEXICO (IMMIGRATION WORLD CUP)

In 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops took to *Twitter* and established “JusticeForImmigrants” @USCCBJFI in response to the “unprecedented increase in the number of unaccompanied migrating children arriving to the country, predominantly at the U.S./Mexico border”. A recent tweet @USCCBJFI addressed human trafficking in the following way:

The US and Mexican bishops “call upon both nations to undertake joint efforts to halt the scourge of trafficking in human persons, both within our hemisphere and internationally.” [#endtrafficking](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI/status/9876543210)
<http://ow.ly/tPTF30kMRqZ>



Inspired by the collaborative nature of the response to this “scourge”, yours truly @VeniDomum replied with the following direct message:



On this day after [#IndependenceDay2018](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI/status/9876543210), the Bishops [@USCCB](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) should be not afraid to reach out to the President of the [#USA](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) and then together, reach out to the Bishops [@arzobisprimado](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) and the newly elected President of [#Mexico](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) [@lopezobrador](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI) [#Dialogue](https://twitter.com/USCCBJFI)

“Immigration is not a problem it’s an opportunity” (Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles), and the Church needs to seize the opportunity to shepherd the flock. Christ says: “Come to Me all you who labour”. Well, the State and the people it serves on both sides of the border are members of the flock who are labouring to find the Way to a solution. Statements alone and visits to the border, as important and essential as they are, are not enough to arrive at a solution. The opportunity is now for the Church to say to **State USA** and **State Mexico**: “Come to me all you who labour – not as Americans and Mexicans – but as fellow human beings, and I will give you rest from your labours!”

