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Greetings to all on these wintry days!

As you may have seen on last month's missioning list, I am currently working with the Justice for Immigrants Campaign of the USCCB. My position is funded by a grant to work specifically with Catholics in Pennsylvania and New Jersey ~ to initiate and support local efforts to educate and mobilize Catholics around the urgent need for just, comprehensive immigration reform. Of course, we, as Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia have been focusing on this critical issue in a particular way this year, with excellent resource materials sent to us from the Immigration and Human Trafficking Committee of the Commission for Justice.

On Sunday, March 21, there will be a huge Interfaith Rally in Washington DC to publicly witness to this critical need for justice for thousands of immigrant families in our country, who have been suffering daily and living in fear, with growing discrimination and abuse of every kind. Buses are being organized from many cities and towns, including most places where our sisters are currently in ministry. For more information on the Rally, see the press release on the Justice Resource page of our Congregational website: <http://ssjphila.org/JusticeResources.html>

Due to numerous requests, we are exploring the possibility of having a bus leave from the Chestnut Hill area. Seats will first be made available to Sisters of St. Joseph and women in other religious congregations, and if seats still remain, they can be made available to our associates or other members of nearby parishes in the Philadelphia area. There will be NO COST for transportation since this bus is being funded by the USCCB Catholic Campaign for Immigrants ([www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org))

The schedule for the day includes arriving in DC in time for the Interfaith Service at 1 pm and the Rally to begin at 2 pm. Departure for Philadelphia would be at approximately 5:30 pm. What I need to know now is how many Sisters of St. Joseph would be interested in going on this bus. If you could please express your interest to me by Monday, March 8, I could reserve that many seats on the bus for us. In the meantime, I will be in communication with the Justice Coordinators of other religious congregations in this region.

Please consider joining us in this important, faith-based witness for justice! If you have any questions, or if I can be of service to you as a Justice for Immigrants representative, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail: [jfi-philly@usccb.org](mailto:jfi-philly@usccb.org) or by phone (267-259-0493).

Thank you!  
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