



OPENING PATHS OF HOSPITALITY AND JUSTICE

In the face of the extraordinary regularization of foreign

Last April 16, 2026, the process for the extraordinary regularization of foreign persons in Spain was officially opened. Since then, the process has been moving forward, and time is running out for thousands of people who see this measure as a unique opportunity to escape the uncertainty and vulnerability associated with administrative irregularity. For them, this regularization represents the possibility of gaining full access to rights, recovering stability, and continuing to build a life project with dignity.

In light of this reality, we welcome this decision with hope and gratitude, and we recognize the call to involve ourselves in this process from a perspective of faith committed to reality. We consider it good news that directly challenges fundamental values such as social justice, hospitality, respect for human dignity, and active solidarity with migrants and refugees.

From the works of the Social Sector, we have become involved in different cities across the country to accompany, facilitate, and process this regularization. This commitment is rooted in a process of discernment grounded in attention to reality and listening to the Gospel's call to recognize God present in history, especially in the most vulnerable people.

Our reality clearly shows us that the population of foreign origin is already part of our society. They are not an external presence, but a constitutive part of our coexistence, our social and economic fabric, and our daily lives. However, for people in an irregular administrative situation, full inclusion is not possible. Administrative irregularity is closely linked to social exclusion, severely limiting access to basic rights and exposing people to situations of discrimination, exploitation, and lack of protection which, moreover, are often invisible and weaken social cohesion.

We recognize extraordinary regularization as a measure that can open paths of justice. It does not solve all situations of social vulnerability or rights violations on its own, but it constitutes a significant step toward recognizing, protecting, and dignifying those who are already part of this society, contributing to the construction of the common good. This process does not only respond to an administrative need but also represents an opportunity to move toward a more inclusive, fraternal, and cohesive society.

As Jesuit works, we recognize that our biblical and evangelical tradition reminds us that the history of salvation is intertwined with the experience of migration and that our response to God is at stake in the encounter with the stranger: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25). Today, this call takes the form of an invitation to live a hospitality that does not stop at the initial welcome but promotes processes of inclusion, participation, and mutual recognition.

From Ignatian spirituality, this call to hospitality is embodied in a way of proceeding that involves close accompaniment, attentive listening, and the recognition of the other as a place of revelation. Through our works, we embrace the practice of hospitality as a central element of our spirituality. Hospitality is not an idea, but a practice embodied in daily life: in mutual recognition, in shared time, in conversation, in care, and in the opening of spaces for encounter that promote a culture of meeting and reconciliation instead of the culture of confrontation in which we are immersed.

In this experience, hospitality transforms everyone involved. Therefore, we see this process as an opportunity to grow and transform ourselves into a more humane society, built on criteria of social friendship that is enriched by the welcome and recognition of otherness.

We place ourselves within the framework of the Church in Spain, which has unanimously expressed its support for regularization as a demand of justice and fidelity to the Gospel. Furthermore, Pope Leo XIV insists that welcoming cannot be limited to welfare or occasional responses but must open real paths for integration, fraternity, and social participation.

For this reason, from the Social Sector and with the support of many other entities, volunteers, agreements with local public administrations, the social base of the Society of Jesus and its works, etc., we are actively engaged in this regularization process. We have opened extraordinary services to serve in whatever way we can, aware that, due to its extraordinary nature and the short timeframe in which it must be carried out, this process can be complex for many people.

We want to facilitate effective access to regularization, and we consider it essential that social and community entities can continue to be spaces for orientation, welcome, and close accompaniment, contributing to ensuring that no person is excluded from exercising their rights due to administrative difficulties or a lack of information.

Ultimately, as the Social Sector of the Society of Jesus, we bring to life the call to continue walking toward a more hospitable society, where diversity is recognized as a source of wealth and where all people can find a dignified place. This is a path not exempt from difficulties, but one in which we trust that the Spirit continues to act, opening paths of reconciliation, justice, and hope for all people.