



Plymouth Justice Pilgrimage: Sunday, July 19th- Friday, July, 24th

Mission Statement:

To walk from Pilgrim's First Landing Park in Provincetown, MA to the Plymouth Correctional Facility in Plymouth, MA. We will be walking the entire length of Cape Cod and part of the South Shore (70 miles in 5 days) to increase awareness about the treatment of undocumented immigrants at the Plymouth Correctional Facility, while also raising money to make sure these immigrants are provided basic human rights while incarcerated. This walk is also a pilgrimage for my friend as I, as we are both practicing Christians (Chris is Catholic and Connor is non-denominational) who believe there is a lot of power to stop injustice by using both prayer and action. However, this walk is for people of all faiths, creeds, political affiliations and identities who care about the protection of basic human rights.

Background:

Back in the Spring of 2019, my friend Connor and I decided to walk from Boston to The Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. What was originally supposed to be a hundred and forty mile long pilgrimage to a shrine, turned into a broader goal of bringing awareness to issues at the United States/Mexico border. Our walk coincided with the controversies arising from the U.S. government immigration policy of separating children from their parents at ICE detention centers. We completed the walk in nine days and both Connor and I agree that it is still one of our most meaningful experiences. The walk in 2019 and the continued mistreatment and abuse of undocumented immigrants has inspired us to walk again.

The Plymouth Correctional Facility has a contract with ICE, which means that undocumented immigrants with no criminal record are being housed in the same facilities as convicted criminals. The amount of reported human rights violations has increased dramatically at the facility since 2020, specifically in regards to the treatment of undocumented immigrants.

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Goals:

- #1 Working to bring awareness to the specific injustices happening at Plymouth Correctional Facility
- #2 Raising money for BIJAN (Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network)
- #3 Through our pilgrimage, growing in our Christian faith and building meaningful connections with both God and all of the people we meet.
- #4 Eventually, the ending of the contract between ICE and the Plymouth Correctional Facility.

What You Can Do

- Donate money to our GoFundMe, that will be given directly to the non-profit BIJAN (Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network). We are hoping to collaborate with BIJAN (Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network) throughout the walk and all money raised will be given to support their mission. If you are interested in learning more about them, please click [here](#).
- Raise awareness of the injustices taking place to undocumented immigrants at Plymouth Correctional Facility. Share the information below with people you know (friends, family, neighbors). Additionally, tell people about our pilgrimage. Use social media and word of mouth to inspire other people to donate to BIJAN and bring awareness to this issue.
- Walk with us. Walk a mile, walk 70, we're just happy to have you along. Solidarity. One thing to make clear: **we are not responsible for providing lodging, food, etc. Our major goals here are the following: working to bring awareness to the specific injustices in Plymouth, raising money for BIJAN and continuing to develop our own personal relationships with God.** This is a peaceful walk and no unruly behavior is permitted. **Finally, while we love for people to walk with us in solidarity, we are not interested in gathering a large group.** Come as an individual or with a friend, but we would prefer to keep the numbers manageable.

General Info

- #1 ICE Detention at Plymouth County Correctional Facility- "[Chronicling 25 Years of Violations](#)"
 - Report written in 2024 by Boston University School of Law's Immigrants Rights and Human Trafficking Program & Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts.

- A shortened [summary](#) of the study reported by WBUR Boston

#2 A Connecticut high school student recently spent two weeks in Plymouth Detention Facility. Dated 4/22/26. Article [here](#). Another account [here](#)

#3 A WCVB Channel 5 Boston [report](#) about the facility. Dated 4/14/2025.

#4 Data driven [report](#) that focuses on who is incarcerated/held at the ICE facility within the Plymouth Correctional Facility. According to the report, **87% of ICE detainees at Plymouth Correctional Facility have no criminal convictions**. Only 58 of 449 beds (12.9%) are held by individuals with any threat level classification.