Why are Catholic Bishops Defending Illegal Immigration? They're Bought?

With the increasing decline of regular church attendees comes the decline of tithing. As many church leaders confront an already tightening waistline and the prospects of an even more dramatic decline in attendance and tithing as the Baby Boomers pass on to their rewards, it seems that some of them have turned to government largesse to stay afloat.

If you're a Catholic, then you've probably noticed the aggressive push by the bishops to defend illegal immigration, refugee resettlement, and other issues at odds with a great deal of the American public as well as their parishioners. Traditionally, the Catholic Church has actually defended the idea of a nation or community defending its interests. And when it comes to walls, the Vatican is still surrounded by one that was erected to defend St. Peter's from Muslim immigrants and raiders.

So, why are the Catholic bishops pushing so hard both to defend illegal immigration and to stop the building of a wall along the United States' southern border? The ugly reality is that they're receiving tens of millions of dollars from the government on those specific issues, thus calling into question their altruism.

You see, our government doles out billions of dollars to organizations and charities that settle refugees and aid illegal immigrants. If our illegal immigration problem suddenly went away, then there would be no reason to fund groups such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, BCFS Health and Human Services (a Baptist group), Catholic

Charities, or Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service.

Already in 2018, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been awarded \$26 million in taxpayer funding for the purposes of resettling refugees and providing support to illegal immigrants. Here is the link to the data.

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Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service has been granted \$28 million so far in 2018 for the same work as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Here is the <u>link to the data</u>.

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Through BCFS (Baptist Child & Family Services) Health and Human Services, some Baptists have already received \$127 million in 2018 for providing the same services as Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Here is the link to the data.

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In 2018 alone, over \$1.2 billion has been awarded by our federal government to organizations and religious charities for refugee resettlement, unaccompanied alien children, refugee and entrant assistance, etc. Here is the link to the data.

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That's a lot of money sloshing around for refugees and illegal immigrants that's being scooped up by religious organizations. Are we at all surprised that they want to maintain the status quo? In other words, *cui bono*?

EDIT: A follow up article has been written. You can access it here.