

SANCTUARY UPDATE

AT A PRESS conference at Saint Mark's Cathedral on December 20, 2021, Jaime Rubio announced that his immigration case was reopened. The writ of deportation is paused now, while his case works its way through the system. With this change, he is finally able to move freely outside the boundary of the cathedral campus after nearly three years in Sanctuary. The first thing on his to-do list? "Going to Volunteer Park with my son," he said. "For so long a place that was only a few minutes away seemed like it was a world away. I walked differently that day. My shoulders were back, my head held high, and the cold winter breeze refreshed my lungs and my soul."

In January 2022, Jaime's case was moved from Texas to Seattle, which is a positive development. As he awaits a court date, he is volunteering with Rebuilding Together Seattle, a local non-profit that makes home repairs. Jaime hopes to eventually reopen his construction business, but in the meantime, he has applied for a work permit and is planning his move from the Saint Mark's campus with his family. The Rubios consider themselves very much a part of Saint Mark's and are grateful for continued prayers and support. ♦



▲ With the threat of immediate deportation lifted, the whole Rubio family was able to participate in Seattle's Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Rally with a group from Saint Mark's on January 17, 2022. Photo courtesy of Jaime Rubio.