

*For I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .
What you did to the least, you did to me. Mt. 25:35,40*



JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS
National Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform

Speakers Bureau





In 2003, the Bishops of the United States and Mexico issued a joint pastoral, *Strangers No Longer*, applying Catholic social justice principles to the migration realities in both countries. They outlined five principles to guide reform:

1. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
2. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
3. Sovereign nations have a right to control their borders.
4. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.
5. The human rights and the human dignity of undocumented migrants should be respected.

In June 2004, the United States Bishops' Committee on Migration and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) resolved to make comprehensive immigration reform, with special emphasis on legalization, a major public policy priority within the Church. The following year, the national Catholic campaign *Justice for Immigrants (JFI)*, was born. Its goal: to maximize the Church's influence on this issue, consistent with the five immigration reform principles in the bishops' pastoral letter.

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Justice for Immigrants Committee speakers will help participants:

1. Understand what is wrong with the current immigration system,
2. Understand Catholic social teaching as it applies to immigration reform,
3. Take action to support immigration reform that is consistent with the five principles in the Catholic bishops' pastoral letter.

Justice for Immigrants speakers have expertise in various fields. Working alone or in teams, they will tailor their nonpartisan presentations to fit your needs. Note that several speakers are fluent in Spanish. Some also work with teen groups.

To have your event advertised on the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Calendar, please contact Rob Shelledy, Office of Social Justice Ministry, 414-758-2286, shelledyr@archmil.org.

Speakers

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Nationally known speaker Sister Josephe Marie Flynn, a School Sister of Notre Dame, received her Master's Degree in theology from St. Mary's University of San Antonio in 1984. She is locally known for mounting the successful campaign to win justice for Regina Bakala, a torture survivor from the Democratic Republic of Congo (2005-07). After careers in education, spirituality, and adult formation, she turned to writing. Her book, tentatively titled "Rescuing Regina: Our Battle to Save a Friend from Deportation and Death," will be published July 1, 2011. In recent years, Sister Josephe has also helped several African, Asian, and Central American families to navigate the complex U.S. immigrant system. She is a member of Amnesty International, the International Detention Coalition, and the SSND Global Justice & Peace Commission of the Milwaukee Province. She is a popular speaker for both adult groups and for teens.



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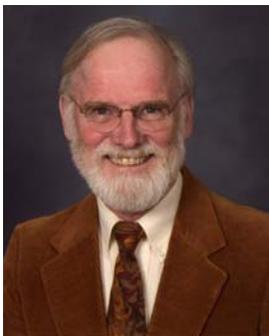
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After Barbara J. Graham got her Juris Doctorate from Marquette University School of Law in 1993, she accepted a position as Director of Legal Services for Milwaukee's *Esperanza Unida, Inc.* where she represented Hispanic workers *pro bono* in labor disputes. During her 5 years there, a colleague instituted a successful immigration program which the Archdiocese eventually assumed and Barbara was there to carry on its mission. In 1999, she joined Catholic Charities of the Milwaukee Archdiocese as a staff attorney. Her job and the agency both grew. Soon she was both Attorney and Director of Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services (ILS). In 2003, she was named *Attorney of the Year* by the Wisconsin State Bar Association for her work with the Hispanic population in providing counsel on immigration matters. At the time, ILS was already overseeing nearly 1,500 cases representing immigrants from 44 countries living in ten eastern Wisconsin counties. Barbara is a frequent and loved bilingual speaker on immigration law.



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Over the past 20 years Carl has traveled numerous times to Central America. Through these mission trips to El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico Carl came to know and love these members of the Church of the Poor. These experiences also gave him a profound insight into the struggles of the peoples from Central America and the reasons that push them to migrate to the United States. In 2008 Carl completed his Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies from St. Francis Seminary. As part of his strong commitment to Catholic social justice, Carl works for comprehensive immigration reform through his personal pastoral ministry, as a member of MICAH, and as the Districts 12 and 14 representative on the Archdiocesan Justice For Immigrants Committee.



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Sister Barbara Pfarr received her Masters Degree in Public Policy from Syracuse University in New York. She has worked with immigrants and their advocates in Milwaukee, south Florida and Chicago for 30 years. She has also spent time on the U.S. Mexico border, talking with workers, public officials, and humanitarian organizations. On the Justice for Immigrants Committee, Sister Barbara represents the WISDOM state-wide network of faith-based community organizations working for social justice. She is a School Sister of Notre Dame and serves on the congregation's Commission for Global Justice & Peace. Immersed in the values of Catholic Social Teaching, Sister Barbara is an engaging speaker and presenter. She also speaks Spanish.



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After getting his Bachelor's Degree in political science at Marquette University in 1986, Rob Shelledy received his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law in 1989, and his Doctorate in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2003. He taught political science at Marquette University one year before being hired by the Archdiocese in 2004. Besides coordinating Social Justice Ministry, Rob also directs Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. He is known in the Archdiocese as a knowledgeable presenter on the Catholic Church's stance on immigration reform. Groups also appreciate his listening skills. Undergirding his political acuity and keen grasp of immigration law is his strong commitment to Catholic social justice.