

Policy can change when we put a face to our immigration issues. You have the power to influence lawmakers by sharing your story!



Host Someone at Your Parish to Tell Their Immigration Story

Work together with other concerned Catholics in your parish. Find out if you have a Peace and Justice Committee, or a Social Ministry group within your congregation. Dialogue with other parish members who may care about this issue.

Speak to your Pastor, the Church is behind you. The USCCB, Cardinal George, and the Bishops of Chicago have publicly supported Comprehensive Immigration Reform. National and local Catholic leadership are actively engaged in this issue and have public statements you can use to promote justice for immigrants with your congregational leadership.

Host an immigrant speaker at your church. Look within your parish or find out who is your "parish sharing" partner to reach out to other immigrant (Latino, Filipino, Polish, African) Catholics who could put a human face to the immigration issue. For assistance on a presentation on immigration and immigration reform or finding an immigrant speaker, you can contact the OPJ.

Promote participation. Invite people who are involved in your St. Vincent DePaul group, Human Concerns committee, Ministry of Care, youth groups, RCIA programs, or any group that might be interested in this kind of campaign. Use your Sunday bulletin announcement to publicize your event. Create an ongoing dialogue on these issues by asking your Sunday bulletin editor to print monthly information s/he will receive from the Office of Peace and Justice.



Please contact Elena Segura at the Office of Peace and Justice for more information, 312.751.5333

