



# Lenten Materials 2007

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## **A JOURNEY OF HOPE: JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS LENTEN MATERIALS: “OUR CALL IS TO TRANSFORM”**

Lent is the season for healing and renewal. In Advent, the Archdiocesan Immigration Task Force offered materials which looked at the journey made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the parallels to the journey of immigrants to our country. The Bishops of our country have written documents to assist Catholics in welcoming the immigrants among us. The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform invites us to be a strong voice for those who are immigrants. Our spiritual ancestors, the Israelites, struggled through the desert for forty years, when they finally arrive at the Promised Land they remember the struggles of their journey and how their hearts had been touched by pain and joy. This journey will finally end at the Open Tomb on Easter Sunday morning and we will have a whole new way of seeing. It is our prayer that this Lent we will open our eyes and ears so our hearts can be changed in how we view immigration and how we work for justice for immigrants. We pray the same for our elected officials who now are debating immigration in Congress. These are suggested tools for the Lenten season:

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- Activities for Children in School and Religious Education, pages 11-12
- Additional Resources for Schools and Religious Education Programs, pages 13-14

Please share these resources with the appropriate staff members or parish committees. Please check the website from the archdiocese for updates on important immigration issues which are before our legislators so that we can make a difference for the dignity of all people.

If we can assist you in any way, please call the Office for Peace and Justice, 1-312-751-8390 or email: [jjacoby@archchicago.org](mailto:jjacoby@archchicago.org)

## **First Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2007**

### ***Ad Sodalitatem (In Solidarity)***

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

#### **Reflection**

Solidarity? With whom?

The texts for this week point us in the direction of our relationship to one another from Moses' discourse in Deuteronomy to Paul's reminding us that race does not separate us from being with the Lord, to even Jesus' temptation in the desert – we can identify with the struggle in each of these scenarios and that is at the heart of our connectedness, our relationships.

In the Psalm, the refrain as the Lord to be with us through our troubles and our collective experiences know what those are. Each of us can be bearers of a story of our ancestry and the road that got us here. While some stories may be happening in the now and some may have happened even a century ago, nothing has really changed; the struggle for acceptance in a foreign land is always difficult.

Maybe it's the color of the skin or the God that we pray to that sets us apart? Maybe it's our trust in a God who has been generous to us in keeping watch over us that brings about mistrust from the native population? Whatever the circumstances, we have all been subject to some part of this through our families and because of that we must stand in solidarity with those who are currently asking for the acceptance that we have enjoyed for a number of generations.

Being in solidarity with some acknowledges that we recognize them as our neighbor and goes to the very heart of our relationship with God – a trust that is shown to us during the temptations that Christ endured during his time in the desert – that time when he learned so much about himself. Our need to see the similarities in who we are as human beings transcends the mere boundaries of this country – they speak to our relationship as neighbors on a global stage, caring and praying for the wellbeing, justice and protection of all humanity as we all struggle with being perceived as different to someone else.

We ask for God to be with us through all of these trials in our lives and those who simply ask for the dignity to live a life that we so enjoy. Is that too much for a neighbor to ask? For a shred of acceptance from another creation of the same God?

We are neither Jew nor Greek, Polish nor Irish, Croatian nor Ugandan! We are first and foremost the creation of God painted on a grand tapestry that celebrates our oneness – our solidarity with one another for the good of all.

## **Second Sunday of Lent - March 4, 2007**

### ***Our citizenship is in heaven***

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm 27:1,7-8,8-9

Second Reading: Phil. 3:17-4

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Lent invites us on a journey. It is a journey with Jesus, a journey of faith to deepen our union with Him and the people of our life. Through the Lenten scriptures, we move from the desert to the mountaintop. Jesus has passed the test following His baptism. He responds to life as the “beloved Son of the Father”.

In the gospel reading for today, Jesus climbs up a mountain with Peter, James and John. These favored disciples experience the transfigured Jesus and they “saw His glory”. Moses and Elijah were part of the scene. These figures of the past look to the exodus of Jesus. It will include the living-dying-rising mission of Jesus for the salvation of the world.

Our attention immediately focuses on this glimpse of the divine in Jesus. It will serve as comfort and strength for the ordeal ahead. But there is more. Something also happened to Peter, James and John. They were able to see Jesus more clearly and thus better able to share in His life and mission.

The goal of Lent flows from the experience of the Transfiguration. We are called to see Jesus more clearly and to find deeper meaning of our baptism when we became the beloved daughters and sons of the Lord. It gives us a new awareness and the consequent opportunity to view the people and the experiences of our life with new insight. In a very real way, we see people and events in the spirit of Jesus.

In the past few years, the popes and United States bishops have sought to help us to see more clearly and respond more directly with eyes of faith in regard to the topic of immigrant in the United States. Consistently, they have reminded us of the scriptural focus that “we welcome the stranger in our midst”. In doing so, we welcome Jesus. (Matt. 25:35).

The question of immigration is complex. It calls us to balance the rights of individuals and the role of government. Social justice helps us to recognize that individuals have a right to seek in their homeland to provide a life experience in accord with the dignity of the human person. When this cannot be achieved in their native land, they are entitled to look to other countries for the basic needs of life. While it is true that each country has a right to control its borders, it also calls upon each nation to be open to those who seek to immigrate and respecting their dignity to seek a process to address the issues with proper regard to all concerned.

As we look to the history of the United States, we realize that it has achieved its status in the world community through the efforts of an “immigrant society”. People from throughout the world were able to use their talents to achieve a new and more complete experience of life. This past history calls out to us to assist the people who see a better way of life in our time.

The response presently considered by our government is to build a fence as an obstacle to keep immigrants, the undocumented from our borders. The spirit of faith and social justice would ask that we consider opening our hearts to receive “the stranger in our midst”. The approach which is fostered and encouraged by the bishops of the United States is to provide a process whereby the undocumented already in the country would be given an opportunity to become citizens with a special emphasis on the need to unite and re-unite families...spouses to each other and parents with their children. The process may take an extended period of time, but it creates a positive attitude, respects the dignity of the immigrants, and helps us to welcome them and the talents which they bring to our country. WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OUR ANCESTORS WERE ABLE TO ENTER THIS COUNTRY AND TO MAKE IT WHAT IT IS TODAY. We have the opportunity to create an attitude of concern and welcome through our government officials to achieve this goal.

During this Lenten season, just as the apostles saw Jesus and His mission more clearly, so we might deepen our understanding of the needs of the immigrants in the spirit of Jesus. With love and care, we open our hearts to these “stranger in our midst” who call out to us in their need. Then we too will see the glory of the God in the people of our life in a new and more loving way.

## INTERCESSIONS

Response: Save your people, O God

- That the Bishops and all Church leaders may continue to challenge us to welcome the stranger among us, we pray...
- Jesus, You came that we might have fullness of life, we pray...
- For refugees fleeing from repressive regimes, we pray...
- For immigrants dying from lack of adequate nutrition and health care, we pray...
- For immigrants suffering from long-standing religious and ethnic discrimination, we pray...
- For all people longing for human rights and self-determination, we pray...
- For all of us longing to be transfigured in your image, so we may see, hear, and touch our suffering brothers and sisters, we pray...

Let us Pray:

Jesus, recalling your words that you are one with your suffering members, we see you in the faces of many peoples. Enlighten and guide us so that we may draw closer to you during these forty days. We ask this with confidence in your constant care for us. Amen.

## **Third Sunday in Lent – March 11, 2007**

### ***“I AM WHO I AM”***

#### **First Reading**

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

The story of the salvation of God's people continues during this Lenten season. Today we hear of Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush.

#### *Education*

General Directory for Catechesis:  
Congregation for the Clergy  
USCC, Washington D.C.

#### *HUMAN RIGHTS:*

18 The Church, in her analysis of the soil of the world, is accurately conscious of everything that injures the dignity of the human person. She is aware that all human rights spring from this dignity, the constant object of Christian concern and commitment.

#### **REFLECTION**

#### **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM**

*Justice for Immigrants – A journey of Hope*

Enforcement of Immigrant laws: Important Principals

#### *Humane*

In any enforcement action, the human rights and dignity of the person should be preserved and respected to the greatest extent possible. Families should not be divided and should receive special consideration. Undocumented immigrants should not be detained for lengthy periods of time or intermingled with violent offenders. Asylum-seekers should receive appropriate screening by a qualified adjudicator.

It is important to note that reform of the legal immigration system will help meet the above principals and make our nation more secure. By allowing the undocumented population in the United States an opportunity to become legal, they are free to “come out of the shadows” and be identified, allowing law enforcement to focus on those who might be motivated to harm us. Providing legal status to undocumented immigrants is an effective way to contribute to our nation's security.

#### **Second Reading**

1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

## **EDUCATION**

General directory for Catechesis  
Congregation for the Clergy  
USCC, Washington D.C.

*Looking at the world from the standpoint of faith*

16. The church continues to sow the Gospel in God's field. Christians, in the most diverse social situation, perceive the world with the same eyes with which Jesus contemplated the society of his time. The disciple of Jesus Christ deeply shares the "joys and hopes, the sadness and his anxieties of the men today." He gazes upon human history and participates in it not only from the standpoint of reason but also from that of faith. In the light of faith the world appears at one "created and sustained by the love of the Creator, which has been freed from the slavery of sin by Christ, who was crucified and rose." The Christian knows that every human event – in deed all reality is marked by the creative activity of god which communicates goodness to all beings; the power of sin which limits and numbs man; and the dynamism which burst forth from the Resurrection of Christ, the seed renewing believers is the hope of a definitive "fulfillment". A worldview not incorporating these three elements cannot be authentically Christian.

## **REFLECTION**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Justice for Immigrants – A Journey of Hope*

Catholic Bishops call for Comprehensive immigration Reform

In recent years, immigrants have been subject to laws and policies that debase our country's fundamental commitment to individual liberties and due process. These laws and policies, including detention for months without charges, secret hearings and ethnic profiling, signal a sea of change in our government's policies and attitudes towards immigrants. We are a nation with a long rich tradition of welcoming newcomers. Government policies that unfairly and inappropriately confuse immigrations with terrorism do not make us safer, tarnish our heritage and damage our standing abroad. The bishops urge our government to revisit these laws and to make the appropriate changes consistent with due process rights.

**Gospel**

**Luke 13:1-9**

*Jesus says that suffering comes from injustice in our world.*

## **EDUCATION**

General Directory for Catechesis:  
Congregation for the Clergy  
USCC, Washington D.C.

## *HUMAN RIGHTS*

19. In many places, however, human rights are clearly violated, in apparent contradiction of the dignity proper to the human person. Such violations feed other forms of poverty beyond the material level: they contribute to a cultural and religious impoverishment, which equally concerns the Church. The negation or restriction of human rights impoverishes the human person and entire peoples at least as much as, if not more than, material privation itself. The evangelizing activity of the Church in this field of human rights has, as its undeniable objective, the task of revealing the inviolable dignity of every human person. In a certain sense, “it is the central and unifying task of service which the church and the lay faithful in her, are called to render to the human family.”

## **REFLECTION**

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

Justice for Immigrants – A Journey of Hope

#### ***Important Principals***

The pastoral letter, *Strangers No Longer: together on the Journey of Hope*, the U.S. bishops recognize the right of the sovereign to control and protect its borders: “Therefore we accept the legitimate role of the U.S. – government in intercepting undocumented migrants who attempt to travel through or cross into the country. We DO NOT ACCEPT however some of the policies and tactics that our government has employed to meet this responsibility.” (no.78)

Despite acknowledging this right of the sovereign. Opponents of immigration often inaccurately criticize the Church as supportive of “open borders” in an attempt to discredit the Church’s voice.

#### **Books that relate to transformation and reflection READING**

A sacred Voice is Calling; Author – John Neafsey

Parish ministry in a Hispanic community – Charles W. Dahm, OP

What will I do during the Paschal Triduum? – LTP training publication

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2007**

### ***“BECOME THE RIGHTOUS OF GOD IN HIM”***

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9A, 10-12

Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

#### **The Merchant of Venice, act IV, Scene i**

... Though justice be thy plea, consider this,  
That, in the course of justice, none of us  
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;  
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render  
The deeds of mercy...

#### **Joshua 5: 9A, 10-12**

The people of God entered the Promised Land and the manna ceased. They had been fed by God's hand for years, and would continue to be looked after by God. The narrative does not explain how the Israelites came by the produce they ate; however, the "yield of the land" was presumably *not* the fruit of their own labor. The land was being given to them freely by God, to whom all land, and everything on the earth, belongs. The fruit of that land was being put into the hands of our forbears, as well. They were to be grateful for what God was giving them! It is a perennial challenge to all Christians: to receive what we have gratefully; not as our due, but as gift from a generous God.

#### **Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7**

#### **2 Corinthians 5: 17-21**

*Reconcile*: the word means, "to make good again", "to repair". God repairs us: he fixes us, he offers us mercy; he does not treat with the ruin that our sins deserve. This message of reconciliation is entrusted to us: we are its ambassadors. If God's largess, his generosity, his graciousness, has invited us into a promised land to us, are we not called upon to allow God to extend his generosity to others, through us? When God opens a door, should we shut it?

#### **Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

It has been said that the parable of the prodigal son would be more appropriately called the parable of the loving father. Certainly, the message is more about the gratuitousness of the love offered the younger son, than his prodigality. The younger son does not receive his due – he gets what he most definitely does not deserve! And what about the elder, the "good" son? Verses 25 to 32 add an important coda to the story: will the self-righteous older son enter the feast with his prodigal brother? Or will he remain "lost" in his pusillanimous idea of justice?

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 25, 2007**

### ***“THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY”***

First Reading: IS 43:16-21

Psalm: 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

Second Reading : Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Luke

#### **First Reading**

#### **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen a powerful army. What better way to stir up the hope of the chosen people; then by demonstrating what God would do for them in the future, the Israelites often looked back to see what God had done for them in the past. The prophet helps them to do just that in today's reading. He recalls their exodus from Egypt and how God provided for them in the desert. Then he says, "Look ahead!" In other words, whatever great deeds God had done in the past, God can always do something new and greater.

#### **Second Reading**

#### **Philippians 3:8-14**

Today he recalls that he has given up everything to make room for Christ in his life. He knows it isn't easy to do this. But in the end he will share in Christ's Resurrection. That is why Paul describes himself as a runner, pushing on toward the finish line.

#### **Gospel**

#### **John 8:1-11**

To be an adulteress you should die. Once again the scribes and Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. What would we do? According to the Law of Moses requires that the adulteress should die. If Jesus does not agree, he will look like someone who does not respect the Law of Moses.

Jesus; stops them in their tracks with an unexpected challenge: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one the judges and critics drop their stones and drift away. Now that they recognize their own need for forgiveness, they are not ready to condemn someone else. Jesus simply requires her to turn away from sin. Now she has a chance for a new beginning.

#### **REFLECTION:**

As we begin to enter holy week let us remember our brothers and sisters who are seeking justice. And recall the message of the Catholic Bishop for a Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

- Path to permanent residency which is achievable/verifiable
- Family unity which allow immediate family members to join worker
- Job portability which allow workers to change employers

- Labor protections which apply to U.S. workers
- Enforcement mechanisms and resources to enforce worker's rights
- Wages and benefits which do not undercut domestic workers
- Mobility between U.S. and homeland and within U.S.
- Labor-market test to ensure U.S. workers and not harmed.

According to Pope Benedict XVI "recalling this great bishop (Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini), bishop and patron of immigrants) my thoughts go to those who are far from their homeland and often also from their families; I hope that they will always meet receptive friends and hearts on their path who are capable of supporting them in the difficulties of every day.

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A JOURNEY OF HOPE: JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS**

Please add these quotes throughout Lenten Season.

#### **WEEK ONE**

"Remember; remember always that all of us...are descendants from immigrants and revolutionists." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform asks you to remember your immigrant ancestors.

Open our eyes and open our ears so that our hearts can be changed.

#### **WEEK TWO**

"Immigration issues have always been complex, but our nation's safety and financial viability depends on the answer." R. Bruce Josten, Executive VP, US Chamber of Commerce.

Open our eyes and open our ears so that our hearts can be changed.

#### **WEEK THREE**

"I think that immigration has been very important to the success of this country..." Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve Chairman

Open our eyes and open our ears so that our hearts can be changed.

#### **WEEK FOUR**

"Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Open our eyes and open our ears so that our hearts can be changed.

#### **WEEK FIVE**

"We should not be content with laws that punish hardworking people who want only to provide for their families." George W. Bush

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## Activities for Children in School and Religious Education

### A JOURNEY OF HOPE: JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS LENT 2007

#### AIM:

- To invite the students into the journey of immigration through the Lenten scriptures.
- To make connections through the Catholic Social Teachings and the students lives.

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that calls us back to basics. Lent is a spring tonic that calls us back to heal our wounded self. We pray that we are one community of faith, we fast to remind ourselves to share of what we have, and almsgiving is one way to address the injustices throughout the world.

#### PRIMARY:

- Begin each day with a prayer of unity/a prayer for immigrants/a prayer for those who live daily with injustice.
- Trace students' hands and on each finger write what you will do for each of the five weeks of Lent.
- Read the Exodus story, 3:1-8a, 13-15, talk about the image of holy ground.
- Share of story of injustice connecting to the catholic social teachings, use human dignity or workers rights.

#### INTERMEDIATE:

- Begin each day with a prayer of unity/a prayer for immigrants/ a prayer for those who live daily with injustice.
- Read the Exodus story, 3:1-8a, 13-15, discuss what it would be like to be homeless, wandering around
- Spend one day as homeless, empty desks and lockers and have students carry everything they have everywhere they go. Discuss with the students what that experience was like, what they learned, how they can help the homeless.

#### JUNIOR HIGH:

- Begin each day with a prayer of unity/a prayer for immigrants/ a prayer for those who live daily with injustice.
- Read the Story of the Prodigal Son.
- Discuss famine and where it exists today. Research the primary causes of famine and how we can make a difference.
- Plan a food fast for lunch one day. Check the website, [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org) for statistics and information about hunger.

## HIGH SCHOOL:

- List the “isms” in our world, racism, sexism, ageism, xenophobia, Christians, ...
- Discuss how the group that is in charge makes the ism and then power of that group leads to prejudice.
- Strategize how to change the prejudice. Research the politician’s stands on justice issues. Join in a letter writing campaign to our legislators on the issues of immigration.
- Plan a food fast/famine week. Collect cans for the homeless.

## FOR ALL LEVELS:

- Look at the Lenten Readings, especially the Gospels, take one character and retell the story from that person’s point of view
- Begin a Lenten journal:
  - Record your personal journey
  - Find and document stories of immigrants from the daily news.
  - Find and document stories of injustices against the poor
  - Keeps a journal of good news relating to the gospel themes of Lent.

- Week I: Jesus is Tempted in the Desert  
-put your neighbor first, do three concrete actions this first week of Lent.
- Week II: Transfiguration  
-how is it possible to be transformed by the poor?
- Week III: Barren Fig Tree  
-what are the barren fig trees of our times, how can we make a difference
- Week IV: The Prodigal Son  
-what does it mean to stand in solidarity with the poor?
- Week V: Woman caught in adultery  
-this week is about human dignity, where in our parish can we make a change in how we treat people.

Research Catholic folks who have made a difference with their work as they lived the Catholic Social Teachings: Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, Sr. Thea Bowman, Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, Archbishop Oscar Romero.

## MUSIC TO USE FOR CLASSROOM REFLECTIONS OR PRAYER SERVICES

- “All Are Welcome”-Marty Haugen
- “Change Our Hearts”-Rory Cooney
- “I Say “Yes” Lord/Digo “Si” Señor”- Donna Pena
- “Now”-Rory Cooney
- “The Summons”-John Bell/Iona Community

## **Additional Resources for Schools and Religious Education Programs**

### **WEBSITES**

The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform (poster, prayer cards, prayer service, music suggestions) [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

Catholic Education Resource Center - [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Migration & Refugee Services) - [www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs)

Strangers in a Strange Land: Exile, Immigration, Survival and Identity - <http://peace.mennolink.org/articles/strangerland.html>

Hospitality: Welcoming the Strangers Among Us - <http://peace.mennolink.org/articles/immigyoder.html>

Education for Justice - <http://www.educationforjustice.org/bin/view.fpl/1069.html>  
Website- membership required for materials

Our Sunday Visitor pamphlets, [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)  
What the Church Teaches: Immigration

Catholic Update- St. Anthony Messenger Press, <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/>  
Strangers No Longer

Patron Saint of Immigrants – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - [www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=278](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=278)

### **BOOKS**

*Border of Death, Valley of Life, An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit*, Daniel G. Groody

*A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching*, Kevin E. McKenna

*A God of Incredible Surprises, Jesus of Galilee* (2003), Virgilio Elizondo

### **VIDEOS**

*Dying to Live* – 30 minutes

It is an outstanding educational tool that responds to the question, "Why illegal immigrants come to this country". Many schools, universities (no only Catholics) around the country are using the DVD to educate audiences on immigration. For further information, please visit the website of the Institute for Latino Studies: Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture, University of Notre Dame - [www.nd.edu/~latino/units/dying\\_video.htm](http://www.nd.edu/~latino/units/dying_video.htm)

***Faith and Justice – Justice for Immigrants*** — 8-minute video by Alex Contreras (student at Columbia college) Coverage of 2006 rallies and marches in Chicago, actions and prayer services during the Lent season by the Priests for Justice for Immigrants. For further information, please contact Graciela Contreras at (847) 549-0163 or visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCImbPBBHvo>

***The Stuff that Dreams are Made Off*** – A 15-minute documentary DVD produced by Abby Pierce, 2006 graduate of Loyola Academy, Wilmette, IL. This remarkable amateur film reveals the existence of undocumented immigrants within the Loyola Academy environment and chronicles the political awakening of a group of high school students who get involved in the immigration reform movement as a result. In its simple presentation of the issues and the devastating impact on the undocumented children who have grown up in the U.S., the film is a powerful and poignant tool in our education mission. For more information, please contact Greg Pierce at (847) 676-2282.

***Light in the Sand***

Stories from the USA and Mexico borders use the power of theater to tell the personal stories of people affected by U.S./Mexico border migration. Through an hour-long collection of monologues and photos, audiences are exposed to a variety of points of view on this complex and critical issue. For further information, please visit <http://www.crs.org/dramaproject/>

***Stranger No Longer*** – 22 minutes

This “Strangers no Longer” DVD invites us to open our hearts and minds and identify with today’s immigrants. It invites us to look into our past and notice the similarities that exist between ourselves and our ancestors when they came to this great land and those who are arriving now. We are made aware of the many global implications that cause people to migrate to the USA, including our need for more workers. It helps us to understand problems that exist with our current immigration system and underlines different solutions and activities that can be undertaken to fix what is broken. It reminds us of our moral responsibility to actively live our faith and our obligation to be a voice of change so that newcomers are strangers no longer. For further information, please visit <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/snldvd.html>