

***Announcement - Immigration Forum***  
***Queen of All Saints March 12, 2007, 7:30pm***  
***6280 N. Sauganash Ave, Chicago***

An Evening of Lenten Reflection on Immigration: Who Is Our Neighbor?

How can Catholic Christian citizens navigate the complexities of this issue humanely and develop thoughtful, moral responses to the conflicting rhetoric that bombards us in the media? On March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica, the Social Awareness Ministry of Queen of All Saints will host an evening of reflection and discussion on the issue of Immigration entitled:

Immigration: Historical and Current Perspectives

A presentation will be given by Fred Tsao, Policy Director for the Illinois Coalition for Immigration and Refugee Rights. Following the presentation, there will be open forum with panelists available to respond to questions and brief comments from the audience. The panel will include the following participants:

- Martina Keller, J.D., an immigration attorney and parishioner of QAS.
- Deacon Michael Monnelly of QAS.
- Spokespersons from the Archdiocesan Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform.
- Fred Tsao, Illinois Coalition for Immigration and Refugee Rights.

One of the most important issues facing this nation is the passage of comprehensive reform of the massive immigration laws and administrative rulings affecting immigration that have created the situation currently placing millions of undocumented peoples and their families living in this country in harms way and leaving segments of our economy in jeopardy. Congress will be taking up Immigration Reform again in the next month or two and it is imperative that our elected officials hear from us, their constituents, on how we think and feel about this most important legislation.

In a landmark pastoral letter issued by the Catholic bishops of Mexico and the United States, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope", the bishops acknowledge that the current immigration system is badly in need of reform and that a comprehensive approach to fixing it is required. They have offered their own set of recommendations for changing U.S. laws and policies to reflect the principles contained in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching and to bring about a more humane and just immigration system in the United States.

Please join us on March 12 to listen and learn, to ask questions and present opinions, and most importantly, to seek ways to embrace the concept of solidarity with all our brothers and sisters.