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IMMIGRATION REFORM WHAT CAN WE DO?

Educate Others

- Talk to your pastor about how best to educate parishioners (e.g., distribute the Diocese of Manchester parish bulletin flyer on Catholic social teaching on immigration, hold a forum for parishioners on immigration; host a showing of a film on immigration, etc.).
- Facilitate a discussion about immigration at a Faithful Citizenship Committee or other parish group meeting (including Parish Council, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul etc.), using the materials from the USCCB Justice for Immigrants website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.
- Download and distribute the documents from the Justice for Immigrants Parish Plan from the USCCB website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.
- Host a showing of [One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist](http://oneborderonebody.nd.edu/) (<http://oneborderonebody.nd.edu/>) or [Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey](http://dyingtolive.nd.edu/) (<http://dyingtolive.nd.edu/>). Both videos are available to borrow from the Diocese of Manchester Public Policy Office. Discussion guide also available.

Become Engaged

- Speak with elected officials and advocate for immigrants by discussing the realities of immigration and the need for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level as proposed by the United States Bishops: <http://new.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/churchteachingonimmigrationreform.cfm>
- Promote social services for immigrants: immigration legal services; citizenship workshops; citizenship prep classes; English classes.
- Volunteer to work with immigrants and refugees. Contact non-profit agencies that serve immigrants and refugees, including New Hampshire Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Services (669-3030 ext. 260); Manchester Adult Learning Center (Christine Powers 624-6490 x218); English for New Americans (Sue Corby 361-2649); Holy Cross Learning Center (Sr. Jackie Verville 622-9250); and Lutheran Social Services (Elaine Kidd 224-8111 x2241).

Other Resources

- Books: [Outcasts United](#), by Warren St. John; [The New Minnesotans](#), by Gregg Aamot; [Shake Hands with the Devil](#), [Leave None to Tell the Story](#), and [In the Middle of Everywhere](#) by Mary Pipher; [The Immigrant Manifesto](#) by Jorge Ramos; [A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration](#); [Globalization, Spirituality and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace](#); [Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit](#); by Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC; [And You Welcomed Me: Migration and Catholic Social Teaching](#), edited by [Donald Kerwin](#) and [Jill Marie Gerschutz](#).
- Films: *And God Grew Tired of Us*; *Killing Time*; *The Devil Came on Horseback*; *Hotel Rwanda*; and *Sometime in April*.