November 15, 2010

Dear Members of Congress:

We, the undersigned, support the call by the Catholic Bishops and the Provincials of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in the United States for comprehensive immigration reform. In our schools, at our parishes, and through our social ministries, we have experienced the failures of our current system with tragic consequences for individuals, families and communities. This is not the America we desire. We can and must do better.

As a community of faith, we stand with our Bishops and the Jesuit Provincials calling for these essential principles:

- **A path to legalization that ensures that undocumented immigrants have access to full rights.** It is time to allow undocumented workers to leave the shadows and enjoy the daylight they have earned, through their contributions to our economy, by normalizing their immigration status.
- **A legal employment structure for future workers that protects both migrants and United States workers.** We need to create legal pathways that respond to labor-market realities in the United States to ensure that there is a safe and economically sustainable migration flow to satisfy the needs of the U.S. economy for both skilled and unskilled workers.
- **Expedited family reunification and emphasis on family unity for all immigrants.** Keeping families intact is essential to human fulfillment and social stability. The current visa backlogs must be addressed and sufficient visas should be made available across the socio-economic spectrum to ensure an orderly and timely reunification of family members.
- **The need for due process and humane enforcement of our immigration laws.** Those migrating in search of work to sustain themselves and their families have a right to be treated justly and humanely. We seek uniform national standards for all detention facilities, the timely and fair adjudication of cases, and enforcement efforts that respect human dignity and aim to keep families and communities intact. Those in detention should be kept in reasonable proximity to family members and attorneys.
- **Development assistance and fair competition with developing countries.** To reduce the number of persons forced to migrate due to a lack of economic opportunities in their home countries, we must adopt international development and trade policies that will foster sustainable economic development in the countries from which migrant flows are the greatest.

These principles provide the framework for a comprehensive immigration reform that is fair, just and humane. The time has come to reform our immigration laws so that our nation will once again shine as a beacon of hope, tolerance, and welcome to our world.

Respectfully,

~ Signatures Appended ~
### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
- Ignatian Solidarity Network
- Ignatian Volunteer Corps
- Jesuit Commission on Social and International Ministry
- Jesuit Refugee Service USA
- Jesuit Secondary Education Association
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- National Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility

### ALASKA
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- Jesuit Community at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
- Jesuit Community at the Jesuit School of Theology, LeRoy Ave.
- Jesuit Community of San Diego Casa Miguel Pro
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- Jesuit High School, Sacramento
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- St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco
- St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
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- Cristo Rey High School
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Creighton Prep Jesuit Community
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Creighton University Amnesty International
Creighton University Campus Ministry
Creighton University Center for Catholic Thought
Creighton University Collaborative Ministry
Creighton University Institute for Latin American Concerns
Creighton University Jesuit Community
Creighton University Justice and Peace Studies
Creighton University, Kripke Center for Religion and Society
Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs
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St. Benedict the Moor Parish
St. John’s Parish

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Jesuits of Albuquerque

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Brooklyn Jesuit Prep
Canisius College Jesuit Community
Canisius High School
Ciszek Hall Jesuit Community
Cristo Rey High School
Fordham Prep
Fordham University
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LeMoyne Jesuit Community
Loyola Hall Jesuit Community at Fordham
Loyola School New York City
McQuaid Jesuit Community
McQuaid Jesuit High School
Mount Manresa Jesuit Community
Murray-Weigel Hall Jesuit Community
Nativity Mission Center
Spellman Hall Jesuit Community at Fordham
St. Andrew Hall Community
St. Anthony's Jesuit Community
St. Anthony's Parish
St. Francis Xavier Church
St. Ignatius Jesuit Community
St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
St. Ignatius School
St. Michael's Jesuit Community
St. Michael's Parish
Westbury Jesuit Community
Xavier High School
Xavier Jesuit Community

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St. Xavier Church
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Indian School, Inc.
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Sioux Spiritual Center
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Marquette University Jesuit Community
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Orgullo Latino (Marquette High Hispanic Club)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
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St. Camillus Jesuit Community
St. Patrick's Parish
Wisconsin Province Social and International Ministry Commission