



House and Senate Should Seek a Just Reconciliation of Immigration Bills

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2006 – With comprehensive, albeit imperfect, immigration reform clearing the United States Senate in May, the Jesuit Conference of the United States encourages the Congress to move forward in a spirit of justice and reconciliation. “The House and Senate now have very different answers to immigration reform; our prayer is that the process of reconciliation ahead will usher into law a humane and workable solution to the crisis on our borders,” says Fr. James R. Stormes, SJ, secretary for social and international ministries at the Jesuit Conference. “In order to do so, the House of Representatives must -in the spirit of justice and compromise - look beyond an enforcement only approach and pass a bill that provides a path to citizenship for undocumented workers, expedited family reunification, a worker program and protections for the due process of law ,” he adds. Senate Bill 2611, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, raises concerns regarding punitive enforcement measures, but does address many of the proposals put forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Justice for Immigrants campaign supported by the Jesuit Conference.

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