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Justice for Immigrants National Convening  
Schiller Park, Illinois  
Nov 3~5, 2010



# JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS-PICO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## *Immigration in a New Congress*

### **Wednesday, November 3\***

- 12 -5 p.m. Registration
- 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass, Most Reverend John Manz  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
- 5:45-8:30 p.m. Dinner and Opening Plenary

#### **Welcome:**

Ambassador Johnny Young, Executive Director, Migration and Refugee Services/U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (MRS-USCCB)

Most Reverend John Manz, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

#### **Presentations:**

➤ **Immigration and the Future of the U.S. Church**

*Fr. Alan Deck, Executive Director, Office of Cultural Diversity, USCCB*

➤ **Catholic Teaching and Migration**

*Fr. Daniel Groody, University of Notre Dame*

- 8:30-10 p.m. Reception

### **Thursday, November 4\***

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Edens Room)
- 7:30-8:30a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-10a.m. **Plenary Panel on Best Practices in Organizing**

The panel will focus upon examples of best practices in organizing for immigration reform, including the building of local coalitions and advocacy efforts. The panel will be comprised of diocesan and PICO representatives.

*Elena Segura, Archdiocese of Chicago*

*Jill Malone, PICO*

*Fr. Clete Kiley, UNITE-HERE*

*Ali Noorani, National  
Immigration Forum*

\*All sessions in ballroom unless indicated

10:30-Noon                    **A Pro Immigration Agenda for the 112th Congress**

The panel will look at potential public policy issues for the 112th Congress, including comprehensive immigration reform, administrative advocacy, the DREAM Act and enforcement issues which may come up in the debate.

*Angela Kelley, Center for American Progress*  
*Maria Odom, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.*  
*Stuart Anderson, National Foundation for American Policy*

12:30-1:45                    Lunch

## **Presentation and Q and A Session**

### ➤ **Issues involving Immigrants and Detention**

*Phyllis A. Coven*  
*Assistant Director of Detention Policy and Planning*  
*Immigration and Customs Enforcement*  
*Department of Homeland Security*

2:15-3:45                    **Break Out Sessions**

### **Answering the Tough Questions**

The workshop will examine arguments made by opponents of immigration reform and will discuss appropriate responses, including areas such as immigrants and the economy, the rule of law, and “my parents came here legally, why can’t they.”

*Michele Waslin, Immigration Policy Center*  
*Todd Scribner, Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB*

### **Communication and Messaging**

This workshop will look at how best to speak about immigration reform in your communities and in advocacy settings.

*Patty Kupfer, Communications Consultant*  
*Kevin Appleby, Migration and Refugee Services, USCCB*

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**Fighting Local and State Initiatives (Lake Shore/Grant Park Room)**

This workshop will focus upon best methods for fighting local enforcement initiatives, including the 287g program and the Secure Communities program, as well as anti-immigrant State laws.

*Helen Harnett, Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center  
Karen Herrling, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.*

**Parish and Community Organizing (Buckingham Room)**

This workshop will look at best practices for organizing parishes, congregations, and communities. Grass roots organizing principles will be lifted up to highlight ways that participants can develop powerful relationships within communities that are proven to create healthier, safer, and more just societies.

*Jaci Braga, Justice for Immigrants/PICO  
Mary Lou Gonzalez, Archdiocese of Chicago*

4:00-5:30 **Break Out Sessions (repeat)**

6 -8:30 Dinner

**Presentation on the DREAM Act**

*Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M.  
President, DePaul University*

**The Mid-Term Election Results and what it means for Immigration**

*Frank Sharry, Executive Director, America’s Voice  
Micheal Hill, Associate Director, Government Relations, USCCB*

9:00pm **Movie:** Special Screening and Discussion of the New Documentary “Welcome to Shelbyville” (66 minutes)

**Friday, November 5**

7:00a.m. Mass (Edens Room)

7:30-8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 Regional Breakouts

10:30 – 11:30 Report Back and Next Steps

11:30 – 12:30 Final Session – Evaluation and Closing Prayer

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