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REFORM:
WHAT YOU CAN DO

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Activities you and other supporters can do to support immigration reform.

Act in Support of Immigrants and check the box beside one or more of the activities you pledge to do below

- Public Witness** - "I will go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org once a week, to send an electronic postcard to my members of Congress asking them to support just and humane immigration."
- Friendship** - "I will organize a story circle get-together in my parish where immigrants and non-immigrants from all backgrounds can share their family stories and histories in a celebratory and non-threatening environment so that differences can be celebrated and bridges can be built between people from different backgrounds and cultures. We will then call or email our federal lawmakers asking that they support immigration reform."
- Spiritual Communion** - "I will organize and/or bring others together to a vigil where we will pray for just and humane reform of our nation's immigration system. My fellow vigil participants and I will contact our federal lawmakers when we conclude and tell them that we have prayed for their thoughtful deliberation and consideration of immigration reform that reflects our Christian values."
- Education** - "I will have two conversations a week with friends or community members to deepen their understanding of the need for immigration reform. I will follow up by sending them information from the Justice for Immigrants website and urge them to send the postcard on the JFI homepage."
- Solidarity** - "I will set up a meeting with the offices of my U.S. Senators and Representative in order to discuss the need for compassionate immigration reform. I will bring others with me to the meeting, but will meet with the offices myself if I am unable to get others to accompany me."
- Community** - "I will organize an immigration or migration town hall meeting with my fellow parishioners and neighbors to discuss the issues involved in immigration, including root causes, and brainstorm what we can do, as members of a community, to bring about immigration reform. After the gathering, we will contact the offices of the Senate Gang of Eight on immigration and thank them for their leadership in advancing the issue of reform."
- Unite** - "I will have ten different people (friends, classmates, Facebook contacts, etc.) every week call, write and mail a letter or postcard, or send the JFI e-postcard to their U.S. Senators and Representatives."



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"The Catholic community in the United States continues, with great generosity, to welcome waves of new immigrants, to provide them with pastoral care and charitable assistance, and to support ways of regularizing their situation, especially with regard to the unification of families. A particular sign of this is the long-standing commitment of the American Bishops to immigration reform."

-Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Bishops of the United States,
May 18, 2012

In 2005 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, along with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), resolved to make comprehensive immigration reform a major public policy priority of the U.S. Catholic Church. Through their Justice for Immigrants Campaign, the bishops engaged in an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of goodwill in support of a broad legalization program and comprehensive immigration reform that would:

- Provide a path to citizenship for undocumented persons living in the United States;
- Preserve and strengthens family unity as a cornerstone of our national immigration system;
- Provide legal avenues for low-skilled immigrants to come and work in the United States;
- Restore due process for individuals caught up in the immigration system
- Promote efforts that will address the root causes of migration so that people can prosper in their homelands, rather than having to migrate to find opportunities elsewhere.

This Lenten and upcoming Easter seasons you can join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of advancing immigration reform by sending an electronic postcard to your U.S. Senators and Representatives asking that they pass just and compassionate immigration reform legislation. The electronic postcards may be sent from Justice for Immigrants' homepage at www.justiceforimmigrants.org Please join the Bishops in this very important endeavor and send a postcard to your federal lawmakers in Washington, DC. More information about the Catholic bishops' JFI campaign, including statements from the USCCB and individual bishops about immigration, may also be found on the JFI website.

www.JusticeforImmigrants.org