

**“Church’s Teaching on Migrants and Immigration Reform:
Enabling our parishioners to understand and respond
to these vital issues in a U.S. election year.”**

A dialogue with

Oscar Cardinal Rodríguez of Tegucigalpa, Honduras

at

The Athenaeum, Bartlett Center

1:00 – 3:30, Tuesday, September 16, 2008



Principal speakers:

Oscar Cardinal Rodríguez of Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk

Tony Stieritz of the Archdiocesan Social Action Office

Sr. Maria Stacy, SND; Fr. Michael Pucke; Fr. Manuel Viera, OFM serving our Hispanic population

Fr. Len Wenke, facilitator.

Intended audience: Priests, Parish staffs, Pastoral Associates, DREs/CREs, Youth and Liturgical Coordinators, Seminarians, and Deacons.

Goals: this program will enable participants to...

- 1) Gain a basic understanding of our church’s social justice teaching and Gospel perspective on treatment of immigrants and immigration policy from both a Latin American and US bishops’ viewpoints, in light of our election year debate and decisions.
- 2) Learn a few key points of the current legal situation for migrants and key specific immigration reforms the USCCB will be working towards with the Ohio and US legislatures.
- 3) Explore some key myths about immigrants, the “push factors” for migration, and their current conditions in our area in order to help address current anti-immigrant sentiment.
- 4) Understand the efforts and needs of our Hispanic ministries and how our parishes can respond.
- 5) Share their own questions, frustrations, insights and suggestions **in order to develop short and long term efforts to** better educate our parishioners, to better welcome and serve migrants, and to work for more just immigration policies.



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