Pastoral Migratoria

Undocumented Immigrants: The Journey - from Ashes to Empowerment
The 12-Year Journey

- USCCB – CCIR 2005
- Advocacy efforts from bishops and Catholics
- Legislative ups and downs
  - 2007 immigration reform legislative failure
  - 2009 Dream acts passed in senate – defeated in the house
  - 2013 DACA executive action
  - 2014 DAPA Defeated – IR defeated
  - 2016 Trump wins the presidency
  - 2017 Anti-Immigrant executive actions
Undocumented Immigrants: Ups and Downs

- 2005 – 2007 came out from shadows – Church support and fight
- 2007 forced to go back underground – detention & deportation
- Increase of anti-immigrant legislation, hate groups
- National and local pro-immigrant groups lost their grip – not unified voice/presence
- There was mix hope under the Obama administration (2008 -2012)
- 2013 Pope Francis bring front the plight of immigrants – migrants/refugees in the world
- 2005-2017– USCCB continues bringing IR as issue
The Way of the Cross and the Trump Administration

• A community persecuted, accused, threaten constantly

• A wounded community on the route

• Prophetic voices: Cupich, Bishop McElroy, San Diego – denouncing injustice

• Pastoral voices: Bishop Seitz, El Paso – healing the wounds

• Pastoral voices NEEDED
From Ashes to Empowerment: Pastoral Migratoria/Immigrant Social Ministry

- Walking with Francis since 2008 - Aparecida
- Undocumented immigrants actors of their own development
- A call: Lay leadership – future of the Church in the USA
- Formation: faith and live/ pastoral and civic – CST in action
- Collaboration internally and externally
- Initiating national pilots: California, Kansas City/Missouri, Detroit
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What is it?

Pastoral Migratoria invites immigrants to respond to their baptismal call to be engaged in service and justice actions in parish communities.
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Legal Services
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Catholic Charities
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Chicago Legal Clinic

Financial Literacy
- Center for Economic Progress
- Jane Adams Resource Center

University Students
- Dominican University
- DePaul University
- Loyola University
- University of Illinois-Chicago

Housing
- Community-based Organizations
- Southwest Organizing Project
- The Resurrection Project

Labor
- Chicago Federation of Labor
- ARISE
- Latino Union
- Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
- Chicago Workers’ Collaborative

Health
- Catholic Charities
- Erie Family Center

Adult Vocational
- Instituto del Progreso Latino

Documentation
- Consulate of Mexico

Driver’s Licenses
- Secretary of State