

2022 Conference: Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative – as of 8/4/2022

****Times listed are in Central Time (CT)****

September 12: SITE VISITS (No streaming - in-person only)

9:30 – 6:00 pm: Site visits

6:00 – 7:00 pm: Reception at Marquette University

September 13: CONFERENCE DAY 1 (Streaming ~3 hrs plenary; ~2.33 hrs breakouts)

8:00 - 9:00am: **Mass** (in-person only)

8:45 - 9:15 am: **Registration Opens**

9:15 - 10:00am: **Welcome** (in-person and virtual) 1 feed* – Organized by Marquette University

- **Fr. T. Michael McNulty, SJ, Scholar in Residence, Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University**
- **Fatima Jimenez Gonzalez, Marquette University, College of Education - Middle/Secondary Education, Class of 2024**
- **Donald Kerwin, Executive Director, Center for Migration Studies**

10:00 - 11:10am: **Plenary I** (in person and virtual) 1 feed*:

- Racism in US immigration policy and practice: A Catholic response
 - **Moderator: Joan Neal**, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equality Officer of NETWORK
 - **Panelists**
 - **Bp. Mark Seitz**, Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso
 - **Ronnate Asirwatham**, Director of Government Relations, NETWORK
 - **[Kathleen Kim](#)**, Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion at Loyola Law School

Description: This panel will discuss the role of racism in anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies. Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration, will speak on his 2019 pastoral statement on racism, "Night Will Be No More." The panel will also address racism in US immigration policy and as a barrier to immigration reform. Finally, it will discuss the need for Catholics and Catholic institutions to address racism in their advocacy, institutions, and lives."

11:10 - 11:25am: **Break**

11:25am - 12:35pm: **Breakout Session I with 2-3 workshops** (in-person and virtual) 2-3 feeds*

- **Workshop I: Encounter and Exclusion at US borders and Beyond**
 - **Moderator: Joanna Williams**, Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative
 - **Panelists**
 - **Fr. Pat Murphy, c.s.**, Director of Centro Scalabrini at Casa del Migrante Tijuana
 - **Alex Vernon**, Director of the Immigration Law Clinic and Assistant Professor of Law at University of Detroit Mercy

12:35 - 1:45pm: **Lunch** (in-person only)

1:45 - 2:55pm: **Breakout Session II with 2-3 workshops** (in-person and virtual) 2-3 feeds*

- **Workshop I: Taking the Right Not to Have to Migrate Seriously: Crafting a Holistic Catholic Response to the Causes of Forced Migration**
 - **Description:** The Catholic Church has long supported the right of a person to migrate if they cannot otherwise support themselves or their family, but Church teaching has also recognized the right not to migrate. People should be able to remain in their local communities and have access to resources that will allow them to stay and thrive. This panel will examine the theological and moral framework out of which the right not to migrate (or not to have to migrate) principle has emerged. It will examine the holistic approach that the Church has taken to mitigate the push factors that often drive migration. Finally, the panel will examine how Catholic institutions in migrant-sending communities are addressing underlying conditions that drive migration.
 - **Moderator: Todd Scribner**, Assistant Director of Education, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration and Refugee Services
 - **Panelists**
 - **Jill Gerschutz-Bell**, Migration Policy Director and Outreach Coordinator of the Office of Social and International Ministries at the Jesuit Conference, USA and Former Legislative Specialist at Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
 - **Haydee Díaz**, Country Representative at Catholic Relief Services Honduras and Caribbean Zone
 - **Francisco Mena Ugarte**, Executive Director of CRISPAZ
- **Workshop II: From Belief to Behavior: Promoting Immigrant-Friendly Parish Practices**

- o **Description:** Many parish leaders—clerical and lay—welcome and support immigrants in their teachings and beliefs, but they do not necessarily translate that into regular, concrete practices. Parishioners in other locales may participate in xenophobic political rhetoric, but their communities may still maintain certain practices that welcome and integrate immigrants. This workshop will look at the regular patterned activities that offer hospitality and integration to immigrants in rural, urban, and suburban settings.
- o **Moderator: Brett C. Hoover, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Practical and Pastoral Theology, Loyola Marymount University
- o **Panelist:**
 - **Fr. Erick Berrelleza, SJ, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Santa Clara University
 - **Susan Bigelow Reynolds, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies, Candler School of Theology at Emory University

2:55 – 3:10pm: **Break**

3:10 - 4:10pm: **Chat sessions** (virtual only) – up to 10 separate zoom meetings*

- **Chat 1:** The Strategic Use of Research by Catholic Institutions to Better Understand, Accompany, and Serve Immigrants
 - o **Moderators: Kiku Huckle**, Associate Professor and Graduate Director of Theological Studies at Pace University and **Jacquelyn Pavilon**, Deputy Director of the Center for Migration Studies (CMS)
- **Chat 2:** The Work of Catholic Institutions on International Migration at the United Nations
 - o **Moderator: Dr. Víctor Genina**, Director for Development and Policy, Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN)
 - o **Description:** This chat will discuss how Catholic institutions perform advocacy activities in UN-led processes, with a particular focus on the follow-up and implementation of the Global Compact on International Migration, but also covering Catholic work on human rights bodies, such as the UN Human Rights Council.
- **Chat 3:** Building Legal Capacity for Immigrants in Diverse Catholic Institutions
 - o **Moderator: Anna Gallagher**, Executive Director at CLINIC
- **Chat 4:** The Border is Everywhere: Providing integrated services to asylum-seekers, starting at the US-Mexico border.

Moderator: Chris Ross, Senior Manager for Social Policy, Catholic Charities USA

4:10pm – 4:15pm: **Break**

4:15pm – 5:25pm: **Plenary II** (in person and virtual) 1 feed*

“Laudato Si and Migration: Towards Integral Ecology and the Future of Work, Health Care, and the Social Safety Net”

Speakers

Moderator: Rachele Reyes Wenger, System Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy Engagement, CommonSpirit Health

Panelists:

- **Msgr. Robert Vitillo**, General Secretary, International Catholic Migration Commission
- **Christy Williams**, Senior Manager, Social Policy & Government Affairs, Catholic Charities USA
- **Cynthia Buiza**, Executive Director, California Immigrant Policy Center
- **David Cronin**, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services

Panel Description

In his encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis speaks of an integral ecology--that "everything is connected" and that "concern for the environment needs to join to sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." Panelists will discuss from policy and programmatic perspectives their thoughts on climate induced migration, accompaniment of displaced people, our calling and response as Catholics and people of good will to usher a future, acting now to care for our common home and its most vulnerable inhabitants among us.

Attendance

All will be attending in person

5:25 – 6:00 pm: **Small Reception** (in-person only)

September 14: CONFERENCE DAY 2 (Streaming ~4 hrs plenary ~2.33 hrs breakouts)

8:00 - 9:00am: **Mass** (in-person only)

8:45 -- 9:30am: **Registration Opens**

9:30 - 10:40am: **Fr. Lydio Tomasi Lecture**

- **Speaker: Fr. Daniel Groody**, Associate Professor of Theology at Notre Dame University: “**A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and the Body of Christ**”
- **Respondents:**
 - **Fessahaye Mebrahtu**, Director of Black Catholic & Ethnic Ministries at Archdiocese of Milwaukee

10:40 - 10:55am: **Break**

10:55 - 12:05pm: **Breakout Session III with 2-3 workshops** (in person and virtual) 2-3 feeds*

- **Workshop I: Understanding the Needs of and Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Students**
 - **Description:** Immigrant youth experience unique legal, logistical, and mental health challenges that our Catholic schools are working hard to address. In this session, community practitioners and educators at the K12 and college levels will describe these needs and how they are working to serve the Dreamers entrusted to their care.
 - **Moderator: Jacki Black**, Director for Hispanic Initiatives and Diversity & Inclusion Educational Programming, Marquette University
 - **Panelists:**
 - **Carlos Beltrán**, Retreat Coordinator, Casa Romero Renewal Center
 - **Theodore Chadwick Esq.**, Partner, Chadwick & Crouse Law Firm
 - **Dr. Marla Guerrero**, Counselor and Diversity Coordinator, Marquette University Counseling Center
 - **Lizbeth Landeros**, Marquette University student ('25, BioSci) and Dreamers Gala Planning Committee Member
 - **Melissa Ríos**, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal, St. Joan Antida High School
 - **Veronica Romo**, Director of Graduate Support Program, Notre Dame School of Milwaukee

12:05pm - 1:15pm: **Lunch** (in person only)

1:15 - 2:25pm: **Plenary III** (in-person and virtual) 1 feed*:

- **Building a Whole-of-Church response to Multiple Displacement Crises**

- **Description:** The Catholic community, working with other faith traditions and secular organizations, can play a significant role in responding to the world's most challenging displacement crises, witnessing our shared commitment to care for those in greatest need. We will hear how this is being done through service and advocacy in response to Ukraine and the US/Mexico border. We will also explore how we are building networks of organizations and individuals within and beyond the Catholic Church to welcome newcomers across the U.S.
- **Moderator: Joan Rosenhauer**, Executive Director, Jesuit Refugee Service USA
- **Panelists:**
 - **Alberto Ares, SJ**, Regional Director, Jesuit Refugee Service Europe
 - **Marisa Limón Garza**, Senior Director for Advocacy and Programming, Hope Border Institute/Instituto Fronterizo Esperanza
 - **Kat Kelley, MSW**, Senior Director of Migration and Refugee Resettlement Services at Catholic Charities USA
 - **Chris Kerr**, Executive Director of Ignatian Solidarity Network
 - **Yasmine Jakmouj**, Graduate Assistant at the Schlegel Center for Service & Justice, Creighton University

2:25 - 2:40pm: **Break**

2:40 - 3:50pm: **Breakout Session IV with 2-3 workshops** (in person and virtual) 2-3 feeds

- **Workshop I: Catholic Responses to Human Trafficking**
 - **Description:** Every year, trafficking in persons exploits millions of people worldwide, who suffer physical and mental abuse and even death. It occurs in a wide range of employment sectors and includes men, women, and children. For more than two decades, the Catholic Church has been active in responding to human trafficking and providing support for survivors. This panel will highlight select efforts taking place on the international, national, and local levels.
 - **Moderator: Jeanne Atkinson**, Former Executive Director, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
 - **Panelists:**
 - **Katie Boller Gosewisch**, Executive Director of US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
- **Workshop 2: "Forming Catholic leaders on Catholic social teaching on migration, the needs and gifts of immigrants, and the Church's work with immigrants"**

Moderator: Brian Fraga, National Catholic Reporter.

Panelists -- Dylan Corbett, executive director of Hope Border Institute; **Bishop Edgar da Cunha of Fall River, MA**; **Sr. Norma Pimentel**, executive director of Catholic Charities of Rio Grande Valley (**not confirmed**); **Ashley Feasley**, director of transborder security at National Security Council, The White House.

Description: Public opinion polls indicate that most American Catholics view immigration through the lens of political ideology rather than understanding the issue through a Catholic Social Teaching (CST) framework. This panel will discuss the challenges of forming Catholic leaders to think and speak about migration through a CST lens, and will delve into how immigrant communities enrich the nation and the church, as well as the various ways in which the Church works and advocates on behalf of migrants.

- **Workshop 3: Honoring the legacy of Mother Cabrini and Bishop Giovanni Battista Scalabrini in the Church's work today with migrants**

Moderator: Michelle Sardone, Deputy Director of Programs at CLINIC

Panelists

- **Fr. Leonir Chiarello, c.s.**, Superior General of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles, Scalabrinians

3:50 – 4:05pm: **Break**

4:05 – 5:15pm: **Plenary IV** (in-person and virtual) 1 feed*

- **An integrated Catholic response to restoring and rebuilding the US refugee and legal immigration systems, and welcoming migrants**
 - **Moderator: Marjean Perhot**, Director of Refugee and Immigration Services, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Boston, MA
 - **Panelists:**
 - **Anna Gallagher**, Executive Director, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)
 - **Bill Canny**, Executive Director of Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
 - **Barbara Graham**, Program Director and Immigration Attorney at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

5:15 – 5:30pm: **Break**

5:30 - 6:00pm: **Closing** (in-person and virtual) 1 feed*

* Plenaries and Breakouts could be either 1) a single presenter in-person, 2) a panel with all presenters in-person, or 3) a panel with a mix of in-person and virtual presenters.

Panels – confirmed but not yet scheduled

Integration in the Midwest

- Faith and immigrant integration in the Midwest
 - **Moderator: Prof. Andrew Kim**, Marquette University
 - **Panelists:**
 - [Sergio Gonzalez](#), Assistant Professor of Latinx Studies at Marquette University
 - **Jorge Montiel**, Marquette University
 - **Christine Neumann-Ortiz**, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera

Lessons from COVID-19

- How have Catholic immigrant-serving institutions adjusted to and what have they learned from the COVID-19 crisis?
 - **Moderator: Kathy Curran**, Senior Director, Public Policy at the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA)
 - **Panelists**
 - **Jacquelyn Pavilion**, Deputy Director, Center for Migration Studies (CMS)
 - **Peg Harmon**, CEO of Catholic Community Services and Chairperson of Catholic Charities of Tucson
 - **Ashley Brand**, CommonSpirit