**Bulletin Announcement for Week 1 of Immigration Education Series**

Immigration has become a huge issue over the last couple of years, and with the new Administration have come many calls for reform and toughening of immigration laws and enforcement. Many new policies are already in force, and Congress and the courts will be looking at many other proposed changes over the next year. To help those wondering “What’s a Catholic to Think?” about immigration reform, we are launching a six week educational series of bulletin inserts based on Catholic Social Teaching. The series has been prepared by the Priests of the Sacred Heart’s US Province **Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission**. This week’s bulletin insert explores the fundamental question: *“Shouldn’t the Church Stay Out of Politics?”*

**Bulletin Announcement for Week 2 of Immigration Education Series**

Part 2 of our continuing summer series “The Immigration Crisis: What’s a Catholic to Think?” continues with a bulletin insert addressing *Frequently Asked Questions about Immigrants.* Many of today’s “undocumented immigrants” are actually refugees, forced to flee from violence or destitution, though not recognized by our government as such. A Catholic Brother working with the undocumented also shares what he sees the undocumented forced to endure by our broken and uncompassionate immigration system.

**Bulletin Announcement for Week 3 of Immigration Education Series**

Part 3 of our continuing summer series “The Immigration Crisis: What’s a Catholic to Think?” explores *Three Common Myths about Refugees:* Is our vetting process safe? Does the U.S. take in more than its share of refugees? Are refugees a burden on receiving communities? This series was produced by the Priests of the Sacred Heart’s Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Office. Anyone looking for more information about immigration reform or assisting refugees can contact that office at 414-427-4273.

**Bulletin Announcement for Week 4 of Immigration Education Series**

Part 4 of our continuing summer series “The Immigration Crisis: What’s a Catholic to Think?” explores the *Root Causes of Migration*, including safety, economic, environmental, and social factors. Too many of us are ill-informed about these drivers of today’s migration crises. This series was produced by the Priests of the Sacred Heart’s Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Office. Anyone looking for more information about the causes of migration and how to address them can contact that office at 414-427-4273.

**Bulletin Announcement for Week 5 of Immigration Education Series**

Part 5 of our continuing summer series “The Immigration Crisis: What’s a Catholic to Think?” provides a full listing of the many ways individuals and parishes can support immigrants and refugees. For more resources or assistance in engaging in action on this issue, you are encouraged to contact the Priests of the Sacred Heart US Province Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission at 414-427-4273.

**Bulletin Announcement for Week 6 of Immigration Education Series**

Part 6 of our continuing summer series “The Immigration Crisis: What’s a Catholic to Think?” concludes with a summary of *Catholic Principles on Migration.* Past bulletin inserts, including last week’s on what individuals and parishes can do, are available by calling the Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Office of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (SCJs) at 414-427-4273. The Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission of the U.S. SCJ Province is also happy to assist any lay person wishing to get more involved in immigrant or refugee support efforts. Brochures explaining the JPR Commission and its services can be found in the [church lobby/other location]. You can also find much more on immigration and other social justice issues at the JPR website: [www.dehoniansocialjustice.org](http://www.dehoniansocialjustice.org)