

# A Bond to Be Broken?

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Juan has been in the United States for 16 years after escaping from the threats of those who kidnapped and tortured his father in Guatemala. He is the owner and manager of a successful small business. He has two young daughters and has been in sanctuary in a church since May 07.

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## **Join us to learn: Watch the film “Dying to Live”**

Immigration is a complex issue that is changing the face of cultures worldwide. In the US it is over simplified as “illegal immigration”. In reality, the issue has many social, economic, political and religious implications. In the midst of the debate, sometimes what gets lost are the human issues at stake.

“Dying to Live” is a profound look at the human face of the immigrant. It explores who the immigrants are, why they leave their homes and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, Church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves, this film exposes the places of conflict, pain and hope along the US-Mexican border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of that struggle.

1. **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Hospitality Sunday)**  
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Lower Church  
-or-
2. **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Fr. Herian Hall, Gesu Parish Center  
-or-
3. **Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Fr. Herian Hall, Gesu Parish Center

**SUNDAY, October 26, 2008**

***Strangers No Longer: The Immigration  
Issue and the Catholic Church***



**10:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

**Cudahy Hall Auditorium – 13<sup>th</sup> & Wisconsin Ave.**

With Sister Barbara Pfarr, SSND  
Immigration Organizer for WISDOM:  
The Gamaliel Foundation in Wisconsin

Some politicians dance around immigration because it is a polarizing issue in this presidential campaign season. However, the position of the Catholic Church is unambiguous. Learn what Catholic Social Teaching, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and grass roots Catholics say and DO related to immigration issues.

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**Immigrants: Blessings of Our Past, Challenge of the Present,  
Eyes to Our Future**

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**Mission Statement**

As members of Gesu MICAH Immigration Study Project, we believe all persons are children of God and have the right to live in peace, health, safety and dignity.

We commit to listen to the stories of immigrants and to examine the human and social issues surrounding immigration in light of the Gospel, Catholic bishop statements and Jesuit statements.

During this process our goal is to promote an openness of hearts and minds. We encourage others to become active in discussion and advocacy for just laws regarding immigrants and refugees.

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