

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES: IMMIGRATION

- In 2003 the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope". They reminded us that when thinking of immigration we need to recall our common humanity and that Christ is present in the migrant. **What reforms do you propose for U.S. immigration policies that will treat migrants with dignity & respect, keep families together, allow people to migrate, and provide national security?**
- In Central and Latin America the leading cause today for migration of peoples is economic. U.S. trade and agricultural policies towards those regions have had negative effects on many sectors of the Central and Latin American economies, particularly among the poor. As long as countries have high unemployment and poverty levels at home, we will have a steady flow of peoples coming here to try to provide for their families. **As President, how will you propose to address the root causes of immigration related to our own domestic trade and agricultural policies?**
- Catholic Social Teaching and basic human decency state that persons have a right to migrate if necessary to support themselves and their families. **How will you change U.S. policies to allow people to move and support their families?**
- **How do you propose to accomplish these reforms without treating our migrant brothers and sisters as criminals? How can we ensure that together we can build a strong economic future for all of our countries of origin?**
- If globalization & trade agreements allow corporations and capital to freely cross international borders but do not allow workers to do so, this undermines the basic balance between capital and labor assumed by capitalism. **What will you do as president to ensure that people take priority over capital?**