

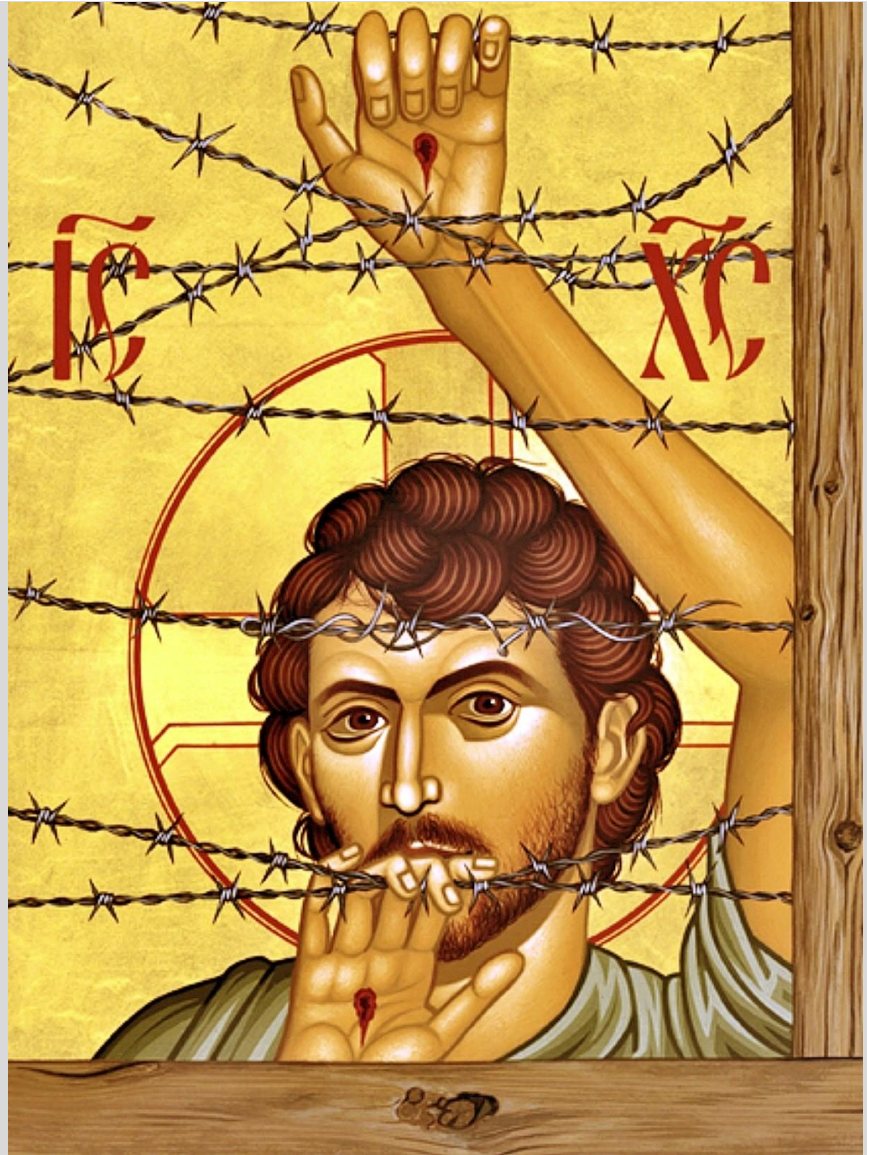


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BUILDING BRIDGES: OUR JOURNEY WITH MIGRANTS

April 6, 2017



MIGRATION SUMMIT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Eucharist with Father Steve Vellenga, Director of the Diocesan Mission Office
Keynote Address by Mayra Martinez and Chris Kerr, Director of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, and Educational Workshops featuring presenters from Northeast Ohio raising our awareness of those in our human family who are immigrants, refugees, or affected by economic injustice

(Cover artwork "Christ of Maryknoll" by Br. Robert Lentz, OFM)



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As an organized group of educators from across the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, we strive to support students from our diocese in living the call of their faith to build loving and just relationships which lead to a lasting peace.

We are committed to student formation within the framework of Catholic Social Teaching, which is rooted in the belief that all humans have dignity and are loved by God.

We are dedicated to providing opportunities that allow students to grow in awareness of social justice issues through coming together as a community of faith in prayer and facilitating participation in meaningful and appropriate social action.

We are devoted to fostering cooperative unity among Catholic schools and cultivating solidarity between all who yearn for justice.

We seek to be supportive of all students in these endeavors, especially those from academic institutions with limited resources.

***Participants in Today's Summit
are from almost every Catholic High School in the Diocese of Cleveland!***

*Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron
Beaumont High School, Cleveland Heights
Benedictine High School, Cleveland
Cleveland Central Catholic High School, Cleveland
Elyria Catholic High School, Elyria
Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills
Holy Name High School, Parma Heights
Lake Catholic High School, Mentor
Magnificat High School, Rocky River
Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School, Chardon*

*Our Lady of the Elms High School, Akron
Padua Franciscan High School, Parma
Saint Edward High School, Lakewood
Saint Ignatius High School, Cleveland
Saint Joseph Academy, Cleveland
Saint Martin de Porres High School, Cleveland
Saint Vincent-Saint Mary High School, Akron
Trinity High School, Garfield Heights
Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls*

Summit Schedule

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**Saint Ignatius High School and
St. Patrick Church (Bridge Ave), Cleveland**

- 8:45 AM** **Schools arrive at Breen Center for the Performing Arts (Saint Ignatius)**
In the lobby, schools register and pick up program and schedules for the day
- 9:00 AM** **Opening remarks and welcome**
Opening prayer and presentation of how the day will progress, campus layout
- 9:15 AM** **Keynote Address: Chris Kerr and Mayra Martinez - Breen Center**
- 10:00 AM** **Breakout Session ONE**
See individual schedule (back page) for session name and location
- 10:30 AM** **First session concludes - move to second session**
- 10:35 AM** **Breakout Session TWO**
See individual schedule (back page) for session name and location
- 11:05 AM** **First session concludes - move to St. Patrick's Church**
- 11:15 AM** **Eucharist at Saint Patrick Church, Bridge Avenue**
Presider: Father Steve Vellenga, Pastor, St. Mary's Painesville
- 12:15 PM** **Rotation ONE - See individual schedule (back page)**
Advocacy Training - St. Patrick (Theater - Third Floor) - OR -
Lunch St. Patrick (Church Hall - Ground Level)
- 12:50 PM** **Rotation TWO - See individual schedule (back page)**
Advocacy Training - St. Patrick (Theater - Third Floor) - OR -
Lunch St. Patrick (Church Hall - Ground Level)
- 1:40 PM** **Closing Remarks and Prayer - St. Patrick's Church**
- 2:00 PM** **Dismissal**





+ Eucharist +

Opening Song: #390 “Open My Eyes” – Jesse Manibusan

First Reading: Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm: Psalm 51 (sung) “You Welcome in Me” - David Haas

Response: *You welcome in me a new heart, a clean heart, a changed heart.*

Gospel: John 8:51-59

Homily: Father Steve Vellenga

Universal Prayer

Presentation of the Gifts: #522 “Prayer of Saint Francis” – Sebastian Temple

Communion Song: #664 “Hosea” - John Michael Talbot

Song of Praise: #559 “10,000 Reasons” - Matt Redman

Closing Song: #628 “Lead Me, Lord” - John Becker

Father Steve Vellenga

Pastor of St. Mary Church (Painesville) and Director of the Diocesan Mission Office

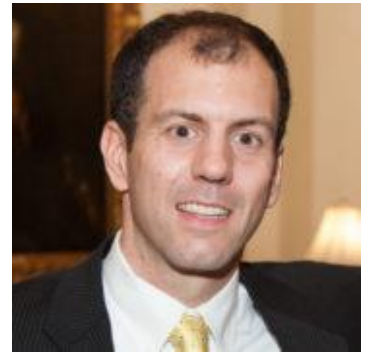


Father Vellenga has been Pastor of St. Mary Church in Painesville since 1997 and the Director of the Diocesan Mission Office since 2003. Father Vellenga was ordained in 1981 for the Diocese of Cleveland and assigned to St. Paul Parish, Akron. He served the Diocesan Mission in El Salvador from 1987 to 1995. After returning from El Salvador he was assigned to St. Barnabas from 1995 to 1997. Father Vellenga graduated from Borromeo Seminary High School and College. He received his STL in Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. His preparation for mission work began before his ordination to the priesthood when he was sent to Malawi Africa as a deacon by the Bishop of Cleveland, Bishop Hickey. During his assignment to El Salvador, the Catholic Archdiocese of San Salvador celebrated the 10th anniversary of the deaths of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Dorothy Kazel and Jean Donovan. After returning to parish work in the Diocese of Cleveland in 1995, with 7 years of Spanish language ministry in El Salvador, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary, Painesville, a parish that has a large Spanish language population.

Keynote Presenters

Chris Kerr, Executive Director, Ignatian Solidarity Network

Chris joined the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) as executive director in 2011. He has over fifteen years of experience in social justice advocacy and leadership in Catholic education and ministry. Prior to ISN he served in multiple roles at John Carroll University, including coordinating international immersion experience and social justice education programming as an inaugural co-director of John Carroll's Arrupe Scholars Program for Social Action. Prior to his time at John Carroll he served as a teacher and administrator at the elementary and secondary levels in Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, including time in both urban and suburban settings. Chris also worked for a number of years as a part-time staff member with the InterReligious Task Force Central America, coordinating advocacy and young adult outreach. Chris speaks regularly at campuses and parishes about social justice education and advocacy, Jesuit mission, and a broad range of social justice issues. He currently serves on the National Advisory Committee for the Fair Trade Colleges and Universities campaign. Chris is a co-founder and longtime supporter of Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice.



Mayra Martinez, Loyola University Chicago, Class of 2018

Martinez, a Spanish major with a minor in Latin American Studies, helps co-facilitate Share the DREAM Ally Trainings as well as Undocumented & Proud, a student support group. Her advocacy for undocumented students began in high school, where she worked to create a scholarship for DREAMers and brought consciousness to her community about the struggles these students face.



Workshop Presenters:

IMMIGRANT STORIES:

Father Steve Vellenga, Pastor of St. Mary Church (Painesville) & Director of Diocesan Mission Office

IMMIGRATION 101:

Erin Conway, Theology Teacher, Saint Martin de Porres High School

REFUGEE JOURNEYS:

Stacy Dever, Program Director, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

A STUDENT'S REFUGEE JOURNEY:

Esther Ngemba (Saint Joseph Academy),
Tatu Wadesisi, **Salomé Wadesisi** and **Fabrice Akakpo** (Cleveland Central Catholic)

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROCESS:

Andrew Mathay, Volunteer Coordinator, Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING ON MIGRATION:

Augie Pacetti, Director of Campus Ministry, Saint Ignatius High School

SYRIAN REFUGEES:

Kelly Davis, Catholic Commission Director (Lake & Geauga) and Catholic Relief Services, Diocesan Social Action Office

FAIR TRADE 101:

Chrissy Stonebreaker Martinez, InterReligious Task Force on Central America

FAIR TRADE SOURCING:

Megan Jolic (Sweet Designs), **Phillip Wachter** (Fount),
Lisa Foster (Noonday), **Charline Watts** (One World Shop)

BECOMING A FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED SCHOOL:

Ryan Mullin and **Michael Finnan** (Saint Ignatius),
Julia Saavreda (Magnificat),
Riley Justice (Saint Joseph Academy)

Education – What is Fair Trade?

(Excerpts taken from resources at: <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>)

'There is no worse material poverty ... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work.' —Pope Francis

Fair and ethical trade is rooted in caring for people and the planet. It is about honoring Christ through our purchases. **Ethical trade** is a transparent commitment by a company to treat its workers and suppliers fairly, care for the environment and invest in the community. A faith-filled approach would be to buy only the things you truly need, and even then, to purchase ethically produced products. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Am I fulfilling a need or a want with my purchase?
- Will the product bring joy to my life or someone else's?
- Will my purchase affect positive change?
- Did making the product cause undue harm to the environment?
- Will the product make a positive contribution to my life/society as a whole?
- Who made the product and where is it from? What is their life like?
- How can I keep from overindulging?

"The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops supports fair trade programs through which disadvantaged artisans, farmers and farmworkers receive fair compensation for the goods they produce. We encourage Catholic organizations and individuals to purchase fair trade products (e.g. through Catholic Relief Services' programs) whenever possible."

- USCCB International and Domestic Policy Committee Statement, November 30, 2005

Fair trade is one model of **ethical trade**. It embodies a comprehensive set of criteria, including, at minimum, the following commitments:

- Paying a fair wage in the local context
- Offering employees opportunities for advancement
- Providing equal employment opportunities for all people, particularly the most disadvantaged
- Engaging in environmentally sustainable practices
- Being open to public accountability
- Building long-term trade relationships
- Providing healthy and safe working conditions within the local context
- Providing financial and technical assistance to producers whenever possible

These criteria were drawn from the Fair Trade Federation, a trade association for fair trade businesses in the United States and Canada. For more information about these criteria or the Federation, visit www.fairtradefederation.org

Advocacy

Seven Easy Steps to contact your Legislators

1. Visit either www.house.gov or www.senate.gov
2. In the top right, please plug in your zip code (for the House) or state (for the Senate), where it indicates: "FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE" or "FIND YOUR SENATOR." This will connect you to your representative or senator's website.
3. Once at their website, click on the contact me button
4. It will take you to a form, asking you to enter your contact information
5. Take the time to fill out the form with all of your necessary contact information.
6. Let your elected official hear your views- add your comments in the comment section. This is a great way to share what you've learned today! To learn more about **Catholic Social Teaching** on each issue see the US Bishop's Website:
USCCB Justice for Immigrants Campaign: <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/>
Migrants/Refugees: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/migrants-refugees-and-travelers/>
Immigration: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/>
Economic Justice: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/economic-justice-economy/index.cfm>
Labor: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/labor-employment/index.cfm>
Trade: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/trade/index.cfm>
Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade: <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/why-shop-ethically/global-impact/>
7. Click submit and you've done it!

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Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice received a 2016-2017 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Local Youth and Young Adult Grant to support our work on education and advocacy with students as part of the *Building Bridges: Our Journey with Migrants Summit*. The awareness raising efforts of the day will be brought back to the schools to follow up with education and advocacy .



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