Why is the Church involved in this issue?

› Institutional
› Gospel-Driven
› Humanitarian/Moral
What do we bring to the table?

- Global view
  - Present at all points of migration
- Vast Experience with Immigrants/refugees
  - Largest provider of pastoral and social/legal services
- Working for the other
  - Voice for the voiceless
- Constituency
  - More work to be done

What is the reality of migration today?

- By the numbers:
  - 11 million
    - undocumented 7M in 2000, 3.5M in 1990
  - 300-500K
    - number per year prior to recession
  - 90 percent
    - had jobs within six months/120 billion in remittances
  - 5,000 green cards
    - per year for low-skilled workers/do the math
  - $18 billion
    - Spend per year on immigration enforcement (larger than all other enforcement agencies)
What is the reality of migration today? (cont)

- By the numbers:
  - 21,000
    - \textit{Border Patrol agents/ 6000 in 1990}
  - 2 Million number deported last 6 years
    - \textit{120,000 U.S. citizen children per year impacted/5000 per year in foster care}
  - 465,000
    - \textit{detained last year/for-profit network of detention centers}
  - 8,000
    - \textit{dead in American desert since 2000}

Nod, nod, wink, wink

- If is broke, do not fix it
  - \textit{Why bother, it works for powerful}
- All countries responsible – sending and receiving
  - \textit{Remittances a good model for development?}
- Migrants are pawns in the game of globalization
  - \textit{Sovereigns are kings and pawn disposable}
- As a moral matter, global system must change
  - \textit{Information/goods/capital/not labor}
- Pope Francis and the globalization of indifference
  - \textit{Throwaway culture}
How do we solve this challenge?

- Legalization/path to citizenship
  - Security/Family/Unity/Better Economy/Health-Care Access
- Future flow program
  - Safety/Legal/Secure
- Family Visa System revamped
  - Backlogs
- Due process/detention reformed
  - Judicial discretion/alternatives to detention/bars to admissibility and aggravated felonies
- Enforcement part of system
  - Workplace key/Incongruent system/all must be included
- Root causes
  - Economic/persecution/violence

Bumps in the road

- Recession/Security Breach
- Electoral politics
  - Districts
- A House divided
  - 3 parties
- June surprise
  - Inattention, not immigration
- Crisis with the children
  - Perception of porous border
Hope for the future

- Vitals are good
  - Demographics/support of American public
- Elector politics
  - 270
- Status Quo cannot stand
  - System is broken, obstructionist support it
- Lame Duck?
  - Major immigration bills done in lame duck; quack, quack
    political malpractice
- Executive Action
  - Checkmate?
- Francis effect

How do we win?

- People power
- Use your phone and pen
- Educate
- Keep the faith/prayer
- Join the Justice for Immigrants (JFI)
  www.justiceforimmigrants.org
Pope Francis on migration

“It is necessary to respond to the globalization of migration with the globalization of charity and cooperation, in such a way as to make the conditions of migrants more humane. At the same time, greater efforts are needed to guarantee the easing of conditions, often brought about by war or famine, which compel whole peoples to leave their native countries. The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable”.

Holy Father’s message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2015