



WELCOMING OUR IMMIGRANT SISTERS AND BROTHERS



January 4, 2009
Feast of the Epiphany

“...there are no more
distinctions between
Jew and Greek,
slave and free,
male and female, but all of
you are one
in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28

Resources

The Holy See

World Migration Day 2009: Message from Pope Benedict XVI

World Migration Day 2009 will be celebrated on January 18, 2009. The theme for World Migration Day 2009 is *St. Paul migrant, 'Apostle of the peoples'*.

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/migration/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20080824_world-migrants-day_en.html

World Migration Day 2006-2008: Messages from Pope Benedict XVI

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/migration/index_en.htm

World Migration Day 1978-2005: Messages from Pope John Paul II

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/messages/migration/

Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants/index.htm

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Statements on Immigration 1999-2008

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/bshpstatements.shtml>

Congressional Testimony on Migration 2000-2008

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/testimony.shtml>



Statement on Worksite Enforcement Raids

A Statement from the Most Reverend John C. Wester, Chairman of the USCCBs' Committee on Migration, calling on the Department of Homeland Security and President Bush to reexamine the use of worksite enforcement raids as an immigration enforcement tool. September 2008.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/bishopwesterfinal.pdf>

Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope

A joint Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States outlining five principles of Catholic social teaching that are applicable to immigration: (1) people have the right to find opportunity in their homelands; (2) people have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families; (3) countries have the right to control their borders; (4) refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection; and (5) the human dignity and human rights of undocumented people should be protected. 2003.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/stranger.shtml>

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity

A Statement from the U.S. Catholic Bishops challenging Catholics to receive all newcomers with a genuine spirit of welcome. 2000.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/unity.shtml>

Love One Another As I Love You

A Statement from the U.S. Catholic Bishops calling on Congress and the President to correct punitive provisions of then-pending immigration legislation. 1996.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/pilla.shtml>

USCCB Department of Migrant and Refugee Services (MRS)

Migrant and Refugee Services

On behalf of the USCCB, the Department of Migrant and Refugee Services serves and advocates for refugees, asylees, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and people on the move. MRS works to create a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs>

National Migration Week Materials: 2009

National Migration Week is an annual, nationwide celebration organized by the USCCB Department of Migrant and Refugee Services. National Migration Week will be celebrated January 4 through 10, 2009. Materials for National Migration Week 2009 include a poster, fact sheets/bulletin inserts and a scriptural rosary. The materials can be downloaded by selecting the following link.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml>

National Migration Week Materials: 2008

National Migration Week materials from previous years are available from the MRS web site.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw/parish.shtml>

Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC)

Bishops' Statement on Immigration

A Statement from the Minnesota Catholic Bishops in response to the Worthington, Minnesota worksite raids. December 2006.

<http://www.mncc.org/061222%20Immigration%20Statement.pdf>

Bishop Bernard J. Harrington's Statement on Immigration Raids in the Diocese of Winona

A Statement from the Most Reverend Bernard J. Harrington, Bishop of Winona, in response to the Worthington, Minnesota immigration raids. December 2006.

<http://www.mncc.org/061219%20Bishop%20Harrington%20Statement.htm>

Books

Children and Youth

Please visit the American Immigration Law Foundation's (AILF) web site for reviews of children's books on immigration.

<http://www.ailf.org/teach/BookReviews.shtml>

The Color of Home

Mary Hoffman

Hassan, newly-arrived in the United States and feeling homesick, paints a picture at school that shows his old home in Somalia, as well as the reason his family had to leave.

Coming to America

Betsy Maestro

The engaging text recounts the lives of various immigrant groups, celebrates their cultural contributions to America, and details the challenges of putting down roots in a new land. The quest for political and religious freedom and the existence of laws to reduce immigration to the United States are also explored.

Dear America: A Coal Miner's Bride: The Diary of Anetka Kaminska, Lattimer, Pennsylvania, 1896

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Through the diary entries of thirteen-year-old Anetka Kaminska, a Polish immigrant, readers learn about arranged marriages and the dawn to dusk work of immigrant girls and women living in a new land filled with different customs and many people who dislike or fear the new immigrants.

A discussion guide is available from Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/dearamerica/parentteacher/guides/dearamerica/coalminer.htm>

Dear America: Dreams in the Golden Country: The Diary of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girl, New York City, 1903

Kathryn Lasky

In eighteen months of diary entries, twelve-year-old Zippy Feldman shares her joys and pains as she and her family adjust to life in America. The following words are excerpted from Zippy's diary:

"My name is Zipporah Feldman, Zippy for short. I am Jewish. I am twelve... I weigh eighty-nine pounds on the kosher butcher scale... I am coming to America. No, not coming. I am finally here. And I am just now starting this diary... I am writing it in Yiddish, but I swear on the blessed memory of my grandmother that a year from now I shall be writing in English." Zippy writes these words on September 1, 1903 as she and her mama and sisters wait on Ellis Island to be admitted into the United States.

A discussion guide is available from Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/dearamerica/parentteacher/guides/dearamerica/goldenfs.htm>

The Dream on Blanca's Wall

Jane Medina

Poems describe the life of an immigrant family's young daughter who dreams of being a teacher.

Note: The poems are written in Spanish and English.

Ellis Island: Land of Dreams

Ellis Island: Land of Hope

Ellis Island: Land of Promise

Joan Lowery Nixon

In this trilogy, readers meet Rebekah Levinsky (a Jewish immigrant who flees from Russia with her family), Kristin Swensen (a Swedish immigrant), and Rose Carney (an Irish immigrant). Each girl left her homeland in 1902 to come to America. Traveling from Europe on the same ship, the girls become fast friends during the difficult three-week journey. When the ship sails past the Statue of Liberty into New York City Harbor, the steerage-class immigrants are ferried to Ellis Island to be questioned and examined. Then the girls part ways, realizing they may never see one another again.

Escape From Home

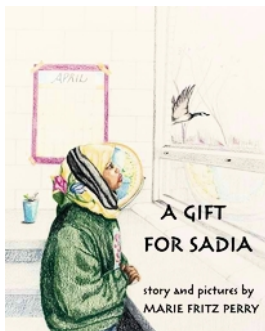
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Maura O'Connell, 15, and her brother, Patrick, 12, escape Ireland's brutal poverty with only the belongings in their bundles and tickets for ocean passage. Sir Laurence Kinkle, 11, flees a life of privilege to seek justice. Maura, Patrick and Laurence join together in a daring scheme that may lead to freedom and glory...or dire consequences.

Esperanza Rising

Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza believed her life would be wonderful forever. She would always live on her family's ranch in Mexico. She would always have fancy dresses and a beautiful home filled with servants. Papa and Abuelita would always be with her. But a sudden tragedy shatters her world and forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California, where they settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, and lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick, and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances – because Mama's life and her own depend on it.



A Gift for Sadia

Maria Fritz Perry

A Gift for Sadia focuses on a young Somali girl who finds herself in Minnesota after losing much of her family. Lonely, cold and feeling like a stranger, Sadia has difficulty communicating with the people who try to help her. Ultimately, however, she makes a connection while caring for an injured Canadian goose. This connection helps her accept her new life, while honoring her family's memory by being proud of her cultural heritage.

Grandfather's Journey

Allan Sey

Through compelling reminiscences of his grandfather's life in America and Japan, Allen Say gives us a poignant account of a family's unique cross-cultural experience. He warmly conveys his own love for his two countries, and the strong and constant desire to be in both places at once.

If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island

Ellen Levine

This interactive history book encourages readers to step into the past. The book includes quotes from children and adults who passed through Ellis Island.

Immigrant Kids

Russell Freedman

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, immigrant children had to work selling newspapers, delivering papers, hauling firewood and working in sweatshops.

In English, Of Course

Josephine Nobisso

Josephine tries to tell her new American class about her life in Italy, but her teacher misunderstands what she is saying and thinks she grew up on a farm.

In the Small, Small Night

Jane Kurtz

Kofi can't sleep in his new home in the United States, so his older sister, Abena, calms his fears by telling him folktales from their homeland – Ghana.

Journey of the Sparrows

Fran Leeper Buss

Journey of the Sparrows portrays the 1980–92 Civil War in El Salvador through the eyes of fifteen-year-old Maria Acosta. The novel focuses on the heroism of ordinary citizens in their struggle against oppression. Maria's story is one of courage and faith in the midst of despair.

Journey to Topaz

Yochiko Uchida

Eleven-year-old Yuki Sakane is looking forward to Christmas when her peaceful world is suddenly shattered by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Uprooted from her home and shipped with thousands of West Coast Japanese Americans to a desert concentration camp called Topaz, Yuki and her family face new hardships daily.



Little Cricket

Jacquelyn M. Brown

After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, twelve-year old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to Saint Paul, Minnesota.

A discussion guide is available.

<http://www.emporia.edu/libsv/wawbookaward/masterlists/littlecricket.htm>

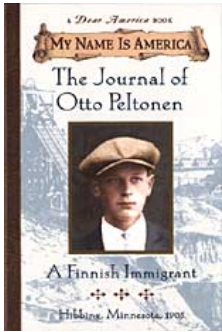
Lupita Manana

Patricia Beatty

After Lupita's father dies in a fishing boat accident in the seas near their small Mexican village, Lupita's family is left in poverty. Lupita and her big brother, Salvador, must smuggle themselves into the United States to earn money to support their mother and young siblings. America is not the land of opportunity they had hoped. A new language, hard labor and the constant threat of *la migra* - the immigration police - make every day a difficult challenge. But for Lupita, there is always hope for a better *manana* - tomorrow.

A discussion guide is available.

<http://home.jps.net/~gailhd/crossing/lupita/student.htm>



My Name is America: The Journal of Otto Peltonen, A Finnish Immigrant, Hibbing, Minnesota, 1905

William Durbin

In 1905, Otto Peltonen emigrated from Finland to Minnesota, where he and his father worked long, dangerous hours in the iron ore mines. Offering a perspective on what people have endured in our land of opportunity, Otto Peltonen's journal documents his family's dream for their own farm. The fictionalized journal includes historical notes and photographs that ground Otto's journal in reality.

A discussion guide is available from Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/dearamerica/parentteacher/guides/mynameis/otto.htm>

My Name Is America: The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miller, California, 1852

Laurence Yen

In 1852, during the height of the California Gold Rush, ten-year-old Wong Ming-Chung makes the dangerous trip to America to join his uncle on his hunt for a fortune. In the midst of a lawless, often hostile environment, Ming-Chung manages to forge an international community of friends.

A discussion guide is available from Scholastic.

<http://www.scholastic.com/dearamerica/books/mynameis/chung.htm>

New Kids in Town: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens

Janet Bode

Eleven teenage immigrants tell compelling stories of their escape from war, poverty, and repression to begin new lives in America.

Our Beckoning Borders: Illegal Immigration to America

Brent Ashabranner

Our Beckoning Borders: Illegal Immigration to America includes interviews with immigrants. It surveys illegal immigration, and focuses on the Mexican border.

Adults

Arguing Immigration: The Debate over the Changing Face of America

Edited by Nicolaus Mills

Arguing Immigration: The Debate over the Changing Face of America is an anthology of essays, including essays by Toni Morrison, Peggy Noonan, Richard Rodriguez and Francis Fukuyama, providing a wide range of perspectives on immigration. The writers consider issues such as ethnic prejudice, public support programs and the national ID card.

Brother, I'm Dying

Edwidge Danticat

When Edwidge Danticat's parents left Haiti for a better life in the United States, Edwidge and her brother stayed in Haiti with her Uncle Joseph – who Edwidge came to regard as her “second father.” Joseph, whose remarkable life is at the heart of Danticat's memoir, was a Baptist minister who founded his own church and school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A survivor of throat cancer, he used a mechanical voice box to communicate. But at the age of 81, he fled Haiti for Miami after a battle between United Nations peacekeepers and *chimeres* - gang members - put his life in danger. Joseph thinks he will be safe in Miami, but instead his tragic stay in U.S. customs makes headlines around the world. Her story weaves in rich details of growing up in Haiti, Haiti's growing political instability, and the sacrifices her family makes as immigrants in the United States.

Please see Discussion Guide in the Activities for Adults section of the Statewide Immigration Sunday Planning Guide.

The Devil's Highway

Luis Alberto Urrea

The Devil's Highway is a story about a group of men who attempted to cross the Mexico border into the desert of southern Arizona through the deadliest region of the continent – Devil's Highway. Twenty-six people - fathers and sons, brothers and strangers, entered a desert so harsh and desolate that even the Border Patrol is afraid to travel through it. Only twelve came back out. The story takes us back to the small towns and unpaved cities south of the border, where the poor fall prey to dreams of a better life and the sinister promises of smugglers. We meet the men who will decide to make the crossing along the Devil's Highway and, on the other side of the border, the men who are ready to prevent them from reaching their destination. *The Devil's Highway* is a story of astonishing courage and strength.

Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants

David Bacon

Illegal People explores the human side of globalization, exposing the many ways it uproots people in Latin America and Asia, driving them to migrate. At the same time, U.S. immigration policy makes the labor of displaced people a crime in the United States. *Illegal People* explains why our national policy produces even more displacement, more migration, more immigration raids, and a more divided, polarized society. Bacon conducts interviews and on-site reporting from communities, workplaces and neighborhood around the world. In seeking to create a favorable investment climate for large corporations, the United States creates conditions that displace communities and set migration into motion. Bacon argues that trade policy and immigration are intimately linked.

Paying the Price: The Impact of Immigration Raids on America's Children

Randolph Capps, Rosa Maria Castaneda, Ajay Chaudry and Robert Santos

Urban Institute

There are approximately five million U.S. children with at least one undocumented parent. The recent intensification of immigration enforcement activities by the federal government has increasingly put these children at risk of family separation, economic hardship and psychological trauma. This study goes beyond the human interest stories reported in the media, and provides a factual basis for discussing the impact of worksite enforcement operations on children with undocumented parents. The study focuses on children because they have strong claims to the protection of society. Children also warrant our attention because they are emotionally, financially, and developmentally dependent on their parents' care, protection and support.

http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411566_immigration_raids.pdf

Religion and Social Justice for Immigrants

Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo

Religion and Social Justice for Immigrants is a collection of essays, written by social scientists and theologians, analyzing the different ways organized religion provides immigrants with an arena for mobilization, civic participation and solidarity. Contributors explore topics such as how interfaith groups organize religious people into immigrant civil rights activists at the U.S.-Mexican border, and how large Catholic groups advocate governmental legislation and policies on behalf of refugees. Non-governmental advocates, like the groups described in this collection of essays, are especially crucial in fighting for the well-being of newcomers.

DVD and Video

Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey

Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey explores the aspirations, hopes and fears of the women, men and children who risk everything for the opportunity to live a better life, and work toward the "American dream." It is a revealing, riveting and heart wrenching look at immigration. *A discussion guide is available.*

<http://www.dyingtolive.nd.edu/>

The Line in the Sand

The Line in the Sand tells the personal stories of those who are affected by migration along the Mexico/U.S. border. Through an hour-long collection of monologues and photos, several points of view on this complex and critical issue are shared.

<http://crs.org/dramaproject/>

One Border One Body

This documentary takes place along the sixteen-foot iron fence that physically divides the United States and Mexico. It illustrates how the Eucharist unites immigrants, bishops, priests and lay people along the border. *A discussion guide is available.*

<http://oneborderonebody.nd.edu/>

Posada

Posada chronicles the stories of three immigrant children, Densi, Johny and Wilber, who journeyed from Central America to the United States. Each child was detained, for a period of time, by the U.S. Border Patrol. Each year, between 80,000 and 110,000 children are arrested and turned away by the United States.

<http://www.posadas-project.com/film/index.html>

Strangers No Longer

This film invites us to open our hearts and minds. When we look into our past, we recognize the similarities between our ancestors who traveled to the United States many years ago, and our immigrant sisters and brothers who are arriving now. The film addresses the many reasons people migrate to the United States, and the global implications of migration. The film also demonstrates the problems that exist within our current immigration system, and highlights different solutions. We are reminded of our moral responsibility to actively live our faith and be a voice of change so that newcomers are strangers no longer. *A discussion guide is available.*

<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=724>

Traveling Companions Parish Refugee Resettlement Ministry

This video illustrates the plight of refugees who have been forced to leave their homes, often never to return, and the volunteers who are living out the call of the Gospel to welcome the stranger in our midst.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/pubs.shtml>

Who Are My Sisters and Brothers?

Who Are My Sisters and Brothers? gives a human face to the immigration debate. This video provides examples of how parishes can reach out to people on the move. *A discussion guide is available.*

<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?sku=5-057>

Yo Trabajo La Tierra / I Work the Land

This video offers a powerful look into the life of a migrant family farming the sugar beet fields in Michigan. It is a visual meditation on the dignity of work and faith.

<http://www.feautor.org/id/12221234411>

Web Sites

American Immigration Law Foundation

The AILF works to increase public understanding about immigration law and policy, and the value of immigration to American society.

<http://www.ailf.org/>

Ancestry

Search for your ancestors, find detailed information about your family history, or start a family tree.

<http://www.ancestry.com>

*Note: The Minnesota History Center Library offers free access to Ancestry.com **on-site**.*

<http://www.mnhs.org/library/>

Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC)

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) provides a range of legal and non-legal support services to 173 member agencies comprised mainly of Catholic diocesan immigration programs. Our member agencies serve low-income immigrants seeking family reunification, citizenship and protection from persecution and violence.

<http://www.cliniclegal.org>

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. CRS alleviates suffering and provides assistance to people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

<http://www.crs.org>

Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)

Migration and Refugee Services carries out the commitment of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees and other forced migrants, immigrants and people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as: minors unaccompanied by parents or adult guardians and the victims of human trafficking. This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed as if she or he were Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue, without constraint, the call to holiness.

<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/>

Ellis Island

More than 22 million passengers and members of ships' crews entered the United States through Ellis Island and the Port of New York between 1892 and 1924. Information about each person was written down in ships' passenger lists, known as "manifests." Manifests were used to examine immigrants upon arrival in the United States. You can search these millions of records for information on individual Ellis Island passengers. To prepare for your search, gather as much information as you can, such as: the passenger's first and last names; approximate year of arrival; "ethnicity" (which may include race, nationality and religion); approximate age on arrival; ship of travel; port of departure; and whether the passenger traveled with other family members.

<http://www.ellisland.org>

Energy of a Nation

A Web site providing accurate, up-to-date information and resources about immigration and immigrant rights to educators, students, advocates and community members. On the Web site, you can obtain: up-to-date facts about immigration; state and national reports on immigration; immigration lesson plans; statistics on immigration in Minnesota; and the status of current immigration legislation.

<http://www.energyofanation.org/>

Genealogy Learning Center

A list of Web sites related to genealogy.

http://www.ellisland.org/genealogy/genealogy_sites.asp

Hmong American Partnership

The Hmong American Partnership helps Hmong families grow deep roots in Minnesota while preserving the strength of the Hmong culture.

<http://www.hmong.org/default.aspx>

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) provides quality immigration legal services and law-related education to Minnesota's growing immigrant and refugee communities. ILCM works to support a fair and just immigration process that keeps the American dream alive, embodies the rule of law, and strengthens families and communities across Minnesota.

www.immigrantlawcentermn.org

Justice for Immigrants

Justice for Immigrants is a campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The campaign is designed to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals and other persons of good faith in support of a broad legalization program and comprehensive immigration reform. The primary objectives of the Justice for Immigrants campaign are to: educate the public about Catholic social teaching on migration; create political will for positive immigration reform; enact legislative and administrative reforms based on the principles articulated by the Bishops; and organize Catholic networks to assist qualified immigrants in obtain the benefits of the reforms.

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>

Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

MPI evaluates, analyzes and develops migration and refugee policies at the local, national and international levels. MPI also analyzes the affects of large-scale migration, whether voluntary or forced, on communities and institutions.

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

Minnesota Catholic Conference

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. The MCC lobbies for state and federal programs and policies, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Dioceses of Crookston, Duluth, New Ulm, Saint Cloud and Winona, that reflect the principles of Catholic social teaching.

<http://www.mncc.org>

Minnesota Historical Society

The Minnesota Historical Society is chief caretaker of Minnesota's story. Through the people finder, you can research your family history.

<http://www.mnhs.org/index.htm>

*We also encourage you to use the resources available from your city and county historical societies.

Minnesota State Demographic Center

The Minnesota State Demographic Center analyzes and distributes Minnesota and U.S. data.

<http://www.demography.state.mn.us/>

Office of Immigration Statistics (A division of the United States Department of Homeland Security)

The Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) develops, analyzes, and disseminates statistical information concerning immigration in the United States.

<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/statistics/>

Yearbook of Immigration Statistics: 2004-2007

<http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/statistics/publications/yearbook.shtm>

University of Minnesota: Immigration History Research Center

The Immigration History Research Center (IHRC) promotes research on international migration with a special emphasis on immigrant and refugee life in the U.S. It sponsors seminars, lectures and workshops that bring a highly specialized and multi-disciplinary group of University of Minnesota researchers into dialogue with their national and international peers, with university and high school students and their teachers, with journalists, photographers and filmmakers, and with communities of immigrants and ethnic Americans. The IHRC especially seeks to enrich contemporary debates about international migration - so often heated, emotional and unrelated to facts - from historical and scholarly perspectives.

<http://www.ihrc.umn.edu/>

United States Census Bureau

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of data about the United States' people and economy.

<http://www.census.gov/>

Foreign-Born Population: Census 2000 Brief

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/c2kbr-34.pdf>

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (A division of the United States Department of Homeland Security)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States of America. USCIS establishes immigration services, policies and priorities to preserve America's legacy as a nation of immigrants. USCIS adjudicates (decides upon) the petitions and applications of potential immigrants (e.g., immigrant visa petitions, naturalization petitions and asylum and refugee applications).

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

The USCCB is comprised of the Bishops of the United States. The USCCB exercises certain pastoral functions on behalf of Catholics in the United States. The purpose of the USCCB is to promote the greater good which the Church offers humankind.

www.usccb.org

