



## Starting a *Justice for Immigrants* Speaker's Bureau

The objective of such a speaker's bureau is to educate and influence the broader community about the Church's attitudes toward immigrants and appeal for support for changing our nation's immigration laws. The following are some tips for launching a speaker's bureau.

- † Identify the potential audiences in your area such as service clubs, social clubs, faith organizations, business associations, schools or cultural associations. Chambers of commerce and libraries may have listings of such organizations in your area.
- † Develop a list of potential forums and audiences to which speakers from your parish could be invited.
- † Determine how many speakers you might be able to provide.
- † Send a notice of your speaker's bureau to program coordinators of your potential audiences. Follow up with a call after a reasonable period.
- † Develop a comprehensive checklist or worksheet for each speaking assignment covering the date, the exact location, specific start time, whether to expect questions and answers, audience size, program length, and the name of the contact person.
- † Provide backup information, materials and support for your speakers including audio-visuais, handouts, and transportation, if needed. (Useful materials to assist in this effort are available on the website, [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org).)



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