

*Everyone is invited
to this special presentation*

**I WAS A STRANGER
AND
YOU WELCOMED ME**
**Meeting Christ in new neighbors—
a matter of human dignity**

Thursday, May 29, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Consolation Parish
8303 Taft Street, Merrillville, Indiana

Presented by

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Current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants' human dignity and have kept families apart. The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents must wait years for a visa to be reunited. Border enforcement strategies have been ineffective and have led to the death of thousands of migrants.

Based on Scriptural and Catholic social teachings, the Catholic Church is compelled to raise her voice on behalf of those who are marginalized and whose God-given rights are not respected.

Fr. Greene, whose primary focus is on immigration in the southern United States and Latin America, will discuss his work and the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

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