

In response to God's transforming grace  
and the *signs of the times*  
we dare to...



## Remember the Immigrant

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Dear Sisters and Associates,

*“You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently  
than the natives born among you;  
have the same love for them as for yourself;  
for you, too, were once aliens in the land of Egypt.” (Lev. 19:33-34)*

This quote from Leviticus is one of many exhortations found in Scripture which urges us to **Remember the Immigrant** and to **Welcome the Stranger**.

The Immigration/Human Trafficking Committee of the Commission for Justice have prepared materials that will assist all of us as we engage in continuing reflection and conversation on the issue of Just and Humane Immigration Reform. Based on the liturgical year we offer the enclosed resources for *Ordinary Time*. As you reflect on these materials we ask you to consider - How can I/we **Remember the Immigrant** and **Welcome the Stranger** in our *ordinary*, everyday lives?

We respectfully ask that you read, reflect and pray with the following:

<b>Prayer:</b>	<i>Remember the Immigrant</i>
<b>Questionnaire:</b>	<i>Gauging Attitudes toward Immigrants</i> (and Answer Key)
<b>Education:</b>	<i>Immigration: The Basics</i> (Education for Justice)

May this time of active reflection enable each of us to embrace the message of Paul to the Galatians, “... *there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus,*” and advocate for the legislation that “...*recognizes the rights of migrants and their families and to respect for their human dignity.*” (John Paul II, “*Ecclesia in America,*” 1999, # 65)

*Gratefully,*

*The Immigration/ Human Trafficking Committee of the Commission for Justice*