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Today



Engaging the Impasse of Immigration

The national debate regarding comprehensive immigration reform is one of many issues which has divided citizens and has hampered our ability to engage in civil discourse about issues that generate a strong emotional response.

WHAT: An intensive two-day seminar process, rooted in a deep respect for our common humanity and in the belief in our capacity to address our differences in a new way. The design uses processes which invite a shift in the civil discourse around this contentious and divisive issue. The seminar is open to:

- * persons whose experiences bring them a unique perspective but who understand that this issue is complex and are willing to explore how other persons view the issue;
- * persons who are willing to enter a process that incorporates a reverence for the other and are willing to give the time and space needed to explore together such diverse opinions in new ways.

WHY: Everyone seems to agree that our present system is broken. Many people support legislation that would provide a path to legalization for those eleven and a half million workers who are already in the country. Many others believe that anyone who enters illegally should be deported because they have broken the law. Each group seems unable to communicate with the other, and Congress has failed to enact legislation to address the problems.

LEADER: Sister Nancy Sylvester, IHM, Director of the **Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue** (former national coordinator of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby and former president of the Leadership Council of Women Religious).

WHEN: September 17-18, 2010, 9:00 – 5:00 daily

WHERE: St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, 120 French Road, Rochester

COST: \$40 (covers lunches, snacks, materials)
Some scholarships available

Registration will be limited to 40 participants.

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Registration for Seminar: Engaging the Impasse of Immigration

Name _____ Telephone. _____

e-mail contact: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Organization/Experience _____

What is your involvement with the Immigration issue?

Why did you decide to participate in this program?

Registration fee: \$40 (Includes lunches, snacks, materials)

If you are coming from out-of-town and will need accommodations, please check here: _____

You will be contacted with available options.

Please make checks payable to **Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester**

Memo: Engaging Impasse Seminar

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Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 18.

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