



# STATEWIDE IMMIGRATION SUNDAY PARISH PREPARATIONS

*The Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany  
January 3, 2010*

## Minnesota Statewide Immigration Sunday

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Minnesota's Catholic Bishops are inviting all parishes throughout Minnesota to celebrate Statewide Immigration Sunday on the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany, January 3, 2010. Parishes are encouraged to incorporate the music, symbols, signs and languages of our immigrant, migrant and refugee sisters and brothers into their liturgies, and to organize immigration-related educational activities for children and adults. As Minnesota's Catholic Bishops shared in their December 12, 2008 Statement on Immigration, *Welcoming Our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers*, "[I]n our pursuit of justice, we must work together to transform hearts, minds and communities." In preparation for Statewide Immigration Sunday, parish leaders are encouraged to:

- Schedule a meeting with your **pastor, deacon** or **pastoral minister** to discuss the importance of your parish celebrating Statewide Immigration Sunday;
- Share the *Liturgy Guide*, which you can download from the Minnesota Catholic Conference's (MCC) web site, with your parish's **director of liturgy and worship**;
- Talk with your parish's **director of social justice** about planning educational and outreach activities related to immigration in your parish;
- Encourage your parish's **bulletin editor** to include information about Statewide Immigration Sunday and Catholic social teaching on immigration in your parish bulletin. Provide your parish's bulletin editor with the *Bulletin Insert* for Statewide Immigration Sunday (downloadable from the MCC's web site);
- Provide your parish's **director of adult faith formation** with a copy of *Activities for Adults* (downloadable from the MCC web site), and your parish's **director of children and youth faith formation** a copy of *Activities for Children and Youth* (downloadable from the MCC's web site); and
- Discuss with your parish's **women's group or council** opportunities for prayer and reflection, and share the *Prayer for Our Immigrant Sisters and Brothers* and *Reading Reflections* (downloadable from the MCC's web site).

With your support and guidance, Statewide Immigration Sunday will transform many hearts, minds and communities. Please visit the MCC's web site to download the *2010 Statewide Immigration Sunday Planning Guide* at: [www.mncc.org](http://www.mncc.org).



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