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VIRTUAL BENEFIT 2021

Friday, October 29, 2021

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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Thank you for attending our virtual Keep Hope Alive 2021 benefit! We are thrilled to have you join in support of our local and national immigrant-led ministry Pastoral Migratoria and Polish Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, that respond to the call to be engaged in service, justice, and accompaniment actions in parish communities. Keep Hope Alive is the premier fundraiser to sustain and grow the impact of our ministry nationwide as immigrant lay leaders become protagonists of their own destiny.

Tonight we are delighted to celebrate the exemplary work of outstanding community leaders from Chicago and beyond, and to share the work of immigrant leaders that started from the ashes of failed immigration reform and is continuing throughout these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the generosity of our program participants for their significant contributions.

We also recognize your generous support. We are particularly grateful to our Presenting sponsors, the Chicago Federation of Labor (especially Bob Reiter, Keep Hope Alive chair) and the USCCB/Migration and Refugee Services, in addition to our Diamond Sponsor, the Claretian Missionaries. Yet Keep Hope Alive 2021 is a success due to the support of all of our sponsors, Friend of Immigrants contributors, and other donors.

This evening you can make your contribution at

[Donate.KeepHopeAliveImmigrants.org](https://www.donate.KeepHopeAliveImmigrants.org). We hope you will stay connected with us on Facebook or at [CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](https://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org). We are grateful for your faithful companionship as we work together as one family of God to keep hope alive for justice for immigrants.

Thanks again for your support!

Peace,

Elena Segura

Senior Coordinator for Immigration – National

AGENDA

PROGRAM

Emcee	Vincent Gerasole Archdiocese of Chicago
Welcome and opening prayer	Vincent Gerasole Archdiocese of Chicago
How to make a donation	Donate.KeepHopeAliveImmigrants.org
Message by event chairperson and Presenting sponsor	Robert G. Reiter, Jr. Chicago Federation of Labor
Testimony	Jessica Martinez Pastoral Migratoria leader, Archdiocese of Chicago
Remarks	Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archdiocese of Chicago
Musical Performance	Rich Daniels and Jill Kaeding The City Lights Orchestra
Message by Presenting sponsor	William Canny Migration and Refugee Services/ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Testimony	Leyden Roveló-Krull, Pastoral Migratoria, Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph, MO
Remarks	Elena Segura Immigration Ministry and National Pastoral Migratoria, Archdiocese of Chicago
Musical Performance	Mark Scozzafave and the Old Saint Patrick's Church Choir, Chicago
Awardee Recognition	
Testimony	Niurka Surejo Trejo Pastoral Migratoria leader, Archdiocese of New York
Musical Performance	Rich Daniels and Jill Kaeding The City Lights Orchestra
Closing Prayer	Fr. Rosendo Urrabazo Claretian Missionaries

AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement

Frances Xavier Cabrini

Strangers No Longer

Journey To Emmaus

St. Toribio Romo

Pope Francis

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes a figure who has dedicated their life and service to the advancement of justice for immigrants in our society.



Rev. Carl Quebedeaux, CMF,
Claretian Missionaries

Since his ordination as a priest, Fr. Carl has been directly involved with the immigrant community, sharing his passion for justice. He was first assigned to St. Francis of Assisi and then Sts. Peter and Paul in Pilsen, showing compassion and dedication to those on the margins. In 2005, he became an early member of the Priests for Justice for Immigrants (PJI), a coalition of 200 immigrant and native-born priests, representing more than 150 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago who stand in solidarity with immigrants and engage in education, pastoral care, and legislative advocacy. As pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in South Chicago, he was the first pastor to respond in prayer and action to the impact of the 2007 raids on undocumented workers. As a result, he brought to fruition the vision and dream of Pastoral Migratoria in 2008. His commitment inspired many pastors to develop immigrant leaders who respond to current needs in their community. In recent years he was placed in Ciudad Juarez (Mexico) and volunteered at Casa del Migrante (shelter for immigrants) where he witnessed the growing needs to provide shelter for people waiting to cross the border. Because of his dedication he garnered the commitment of four parishes that opened their facilities to shelter asylum seekers. Shortly after, he earned the support of his congregation to build a shelter which today houses 70 women, men, and children.

FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI AWARD

Honors a leader in the Immigration Ministry's networks who embodies Mother Cabrini's missionary and pastoral spirit in tireless service to immigrants.

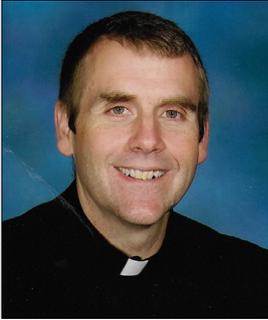


Daniela Alulema

Daniela follows in the footsteps of her award namesake by her consistent ministry to the needs of migrants and a voice that speaks out for justice. Daniela is the Director of Programs at the Center for Migration Studies (CMS). She coordinates the Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative project for CMS, where she has managed research projects on DACA implementation, on statelessness, and on the impact of deportation to US families and communities. She continues to prophetically speak out by co-authoring several reports and papers, including one that profiles DACA recipients and another that highlights the implementation of the DACA program. Daniela is herself a DACA recipient from Ecuador. She uses her journey, passion, and belief in a culture of encounter by currently serving as a board member in the New York State Youth Leadership Council, an undocumented-led organization that seeks to empower youth to create change in their communities.

STRANGERS NO LONGER AWARD

Honors a leader whose efforts to be the voice for the voiceless and to seek justice for immigrants serves as a witness of our call to bring the Kingdom of God to our society.



Rev. Corey Brost, CSV,
Viatorians

Fr. Corey Brost is a strong and committed priest living the gospel call of service, engagement, and accompaniment with the poor and marginalized. Years ago, while serving as a superintendent of a local high school, Fr. Corey visited the Southern border where migrants and asylum seekers were met with obstacles, violence, and imprisonment. He returned home transformed by what he witnessed as the suffering Christ in the people. They were no longer strangers. (He became involved in different immigration reform and ministry groups, planning panel speakers at a community college as well as other educational events.) When his term finished in 2017, his passion and vision of hope filled ministry led him to co-found St. Viator House of Hospitality which provides compassionate accompaniment of young adult male immigrants seeking legal relief. This interfaith-based community empowers these young men to grow emotionally, spiritually, psychologically, and physically. They are accompanied, as brothers, in their journey toward documentation and citizenship. Since its doors first opened, Viator House has offered compassionate hospitality to 71 young men from 19 countries and four faith traditions, transforming borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider “we” can happen.

JOURNEY TO EMMAUS AWARD

Honors a leader whose contributions to the immigrant ministry demonstrate a commitment to our call and mission to welcome the stranger in our midst, empowering immigrants to live in this country with dignity.



Colleen McHugh

On the road to Emmaus, Colleen recognized the face of Jesus in the migrants and refugees she accompanies. Colleen is the Immigration Parish Coordinator (IPC) of St. Clement parish. Her passion echoes the call and mission of welcoming the stranger in our midst as she engages her parish community in various immigration education and advocacy actions. Her leadership and commitment are shown as she helps to prepare and presents at several IPC retreats, prepared and co-presented an IPC session for the 2019 National Pastoral Migratoria Summer Institute, and contributed to the “They are All Our Children” Prayer Vigil in October 2019 to protest the death of 8 children in ICE. Her strong conviction of faith and a respect for the dignity and sanctity of every human life, regardless of race, age, gender, nation of origin, or immigration status called her to participate on the Immigration Ministry Advocacy Team and Keep Hope Alive Benefit planning committee and contribute to the weekly prayers for Lent 2020.

ST. TORIBIO ROMO AWARD

Honors an individual or group serving the immigrant community with the same spirit of accompaniment that is attributed to St. Toribio.



Pastoral Migratoria Saint Anthony of Padua, Bronx

Ministering and accompanying immigrants on the margins is the passion of Pastoral Migratoria of St. Michael the Archangel in Chicago, IL and Pastoral Migratoria of St. Anthony of Padua parish in The Bronx, NY.

The passion and leadership of Pastoral Migratoria of St. Michael the Archangel in Chicago tested and put to work during the height of COVID-19 pandemic as they met the needs of their community: 150 families affected received food prepared by PM leaders at their homes; food pantries were organized and \$50 food cards distributed to about 10 families per month; they provided \$50 dollars monthly to another 10 families in need who did not have work to pay their utility bills. In addition, 20 PM leaders coordinated a Rosary for people with COVID-19 with their families through different virtual media apps, and later prayed with and accompanied families at the funeral of a relative who died from COVID-19. While meeting all those needs, they continued to deliver jackets, scarves, gloves, and food to the homeless during the winter months, embodying God's call for accompaniment and justice work.

Pastoral Migratoria of St. Anthony of Padua in The Bronx, NY also rose to the challenge for their community during the pandemic: 400 people attended an Immigration and Health Care Clinic organized by this parish and 16 collaborating organizations; 71 people attended How to file taxes webinar learning to file for the first time to obtain federal assistance; organized an event with Catholic Charities distributing food to 300 families, as well as information and resources to prevent the spread of COVID-19. They continued their compassionate leadership by providing 100 flu vaccines to individuals through a vaccine drive and educating the community on COVID-19 vaccine and the teachings of the Church, dispelling myths about the dangers of the vaccine and hosting a webinar with the local hospital and a Deacon to share the church's teachings on this topic, removing boundaries and breaking down walls that separate.



Pastoral Migratoria Saint Michael the Archangel, Chicago

POPE FRANCIS AWARD

The Pope Francis award honors an individual or group serving the immigrant community in the same spirit of service and accompaniment attributed to Pope Francis.



Bp. Bruce Lewandowski,
C.Ss.R.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

Believing in an ever wider ‘we’ that encompasses all humanity, Bp. Bruce Lewandowski, while serving as pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Baltimore, facilitated the creation of parish ID system for undocumented immigrants. This vision of welcoming and honoring the dignity of each person making no distinction between natives and foreigners, between residents and guests, inspired other dioceses and parishes to do the same. Local civic, educational, labor, and business organizations have also recognized and accepted this ID system as well. Bp. Bruce took on a pivotal role in bringing Pastoral Migratoria to the Archdiocese of Baltimore. His vision of accompaniment and ministry made Sacred Heart the first parish with an organized core team developing innovative community involvement to identify needs and work collaboratively with governmental and civic organizations. Under his guidance, Sacred Heart has embarked on a journey of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind. He is known in the region as “bishop of the people” for his Pope Francis-like pastoral approach to who he is and what he does.

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