

'Dying To Live' Video on Migrants: You Will Want To Show This At Your Parish

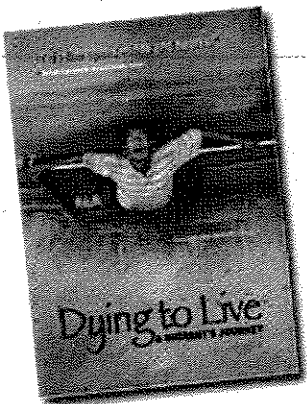
Living where we do, perhaps no social justice issue has the potential for heart-breaking conversion like the plight of Mexican migrants who die trying to cross our arid deserts in search of work in the United States. Yet in the mainstream media that story remains mostly untold. A new DVD produced by University of Notre Dame's Fr. Dan Groody, CSC, has the potential for changing our hearts and minds—but first the people have to have the opportunity to see it.

Attention, parish ministers and teachers! A new video, available in DVD format for public showing, captures the human story of the more than 3,600 migrants who have died in the past decade trying to cross our burning deserts. According to "No More Deaths," a grassroots human rights coalition active in Arizona, last year was the deadliest on record in our state—with 460 confirmed migrant deaths in our borderlands.

How that happens is a public scandal, and why it happens is a cause for public education and action.

The video, "Dying to Live," offers a profound look at the human face of the immigrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes, and what they face in their journey.

Drawing on the insights of Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, Church, and congressional leaders, activists, musicians, and the immigrants themselves, this film exposes the places of conflict, pain, and hope along the U.S.-Mexico border.



It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of that struggle.

The "Dying To Live" video, available by mail for \$25, is an excellent resource to educate, enlighten, and hasten spiritual conversion of even the hardest hearts.

Its format—a half-hour documentary that puts a human face on this complex issue, followed by commentary of renowned U.S. theologians—is ideal for parish gatherings and classroom instruction. It seems guaranteed not only

to raise consciousness but also to stimulate a deepening discussion of the issue. A Discussion Guide is available, free of charge, from the Office of Peace and Justice.

Parishes interested in expanding the viewing with speakers from the Office of Peace and Justice or organizations with experience in immigration issues should contact Tricia Hoyt, OPJ director, at 602.285.1999 x 3932. ■

For more information:

Visit www.nd.edu/~latino/units/clsc.htm

To order a copy of the video,
please submit your order form to:

**Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture,
University of Notre Dame, 250B McKenna Hall,
Notre Dame, IN 46556.**

For questions, comments or more information about the video,
please e-mail: latino3@nd.edu

Immigration Resources

"Justice for Immigrants"

U.S. Bishops website. Excellent educational resources, parish kits, prayer suggestions, etc.
In English and Spanish at www.justiceforimmigrants.org and www.justiciaparalososinmigrantes.org

"Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope,"

A Pastoral Letter Concerning Migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States.
Full text available online at www.usccb.org/mrs/stranger.shtml

"You Welcomed Me,"

A Pastoral Letter on Migration Released on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12, 2005.
Developed and approved by the Arizona Catholic Conference and the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys. Full text available at www.catholic-vision.org/migrationpastoral1.html