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Catholic Charities' Social Justice Consortium co-sponsors public viewing of "Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth"

Des Moines, IA - Catholic Charities' Social Justice Consortium invites the public to a community viewing of "Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth," on Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1548 8th St. in Des Moines.

"Papers" is the story of undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they turn 18 without legal status. The movie is an opportunity to learn more about the need for comprehensive immigration reform and a change in public policy.

The Social Justice Consortium's support of the screening comes out of the "Justice for Immigrants" consortium initiative which is modeled off of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's campaign. The campaign works "to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of good faith in support of a broad legalization program and comprehensive immigration reform." The campaign also strives to address the conditions that compel people to leave their homes including desperation and lack of opportunities.

In collaboration with other organizations, Catholic Charities advocates for social justice issues relevant to new Iowans, and long-time immigrants and refugees who may still face discrimination, in order to reduce structural barriers to their full participation in their communities.

Other Social Justice Consortium initiatives include: Respect Life, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Charities' USA Poverty Campaign, Center for Social Ministry, Domestic Violence/Sexual Abuse Advocacy, Justice for Newcomers and Disaster Preparedness and Response.

"Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we serve all people in need with compassion and competence, advocate for justice, and encourage all people of good will to share in these efforts."