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Premier of movie “abUSed: the Postville Raid” to be held in Des Moines

Filmmaker Luis Argueta & first responders to raid to hold Q & A session following film

Des Moines, IA – A unique opportunity to participate locally in the premier of “abUSed: The Postville Raid,” a film that is already gaining national and international attention, will be held Feb. 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 601 Grand Ave. in downtown Des Moines. Parking is available in the City ramp at 7th Street and Grand Avenue.

The movie showing, cosponsored by Catholic Charities’ Social Justice Consortium and other local immigrant rights groups, features the full-length documentary that tells the story of one of the largest Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in the history of the United States. The film includes personal stories of the individuals, the families, and the town directly affected by the events of May 12, 2008, and presents the human face of the issue of immigration reform.

After the premier, filmmaker Luis Argueta and some of the Des Moines first responders to the raid will be available for a Q & A session.

Catholic Charities’ Social Justice Consortium’s support of the film 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, such as desperation and lack of opportunities.

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.

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