



#### IMMIGRATION ACTION ALERT

The U.S. Conference of Bishops support the Secure American and Orderly Immigration Act (S1033 and HR 2033), which includes creating a worker visa program and exempts immediate relatives of U.S. citizens from an annual cap on family-sponsored immigrant visas.

The Bishops are opposed to HR 4437, the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 because it contains criminal penalties for anyone who assists aliens without legal status, which could put many church programs in danger. HR 4437 could put social service and health care workers at both the parish and diocesan level at risk of criminal prosecution.



#### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION:

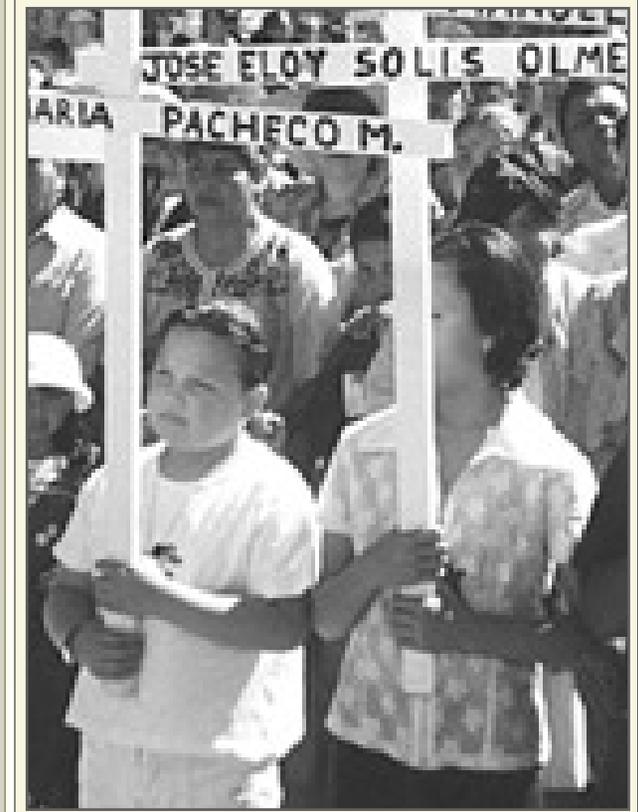
Please e-mail or call your Senators and Representatives immediately. Ask them to support S1033 and HR2033, and to oppose HR4437.

E-mails and phone calls are best. If you wish further information on the issue of Immigration, go to the USCCB website at:

<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>

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# Comparing the McCain-Kennedy Bill & Sensenbrenner Bill

## MCCAIN-KENNEDY BILL (S 1033)

The legislation does not contain provisions which would repeal, or at least ameliorate, the harsh due process laws passed in 1996, as called for in the pastoral letter. The legislation also does not contain provisions which ensure access to asylum adjudication by asylum seekers, another recommendation of the U.S. and Mexican Bishops.

### ***Legalization/Path to Permanent Residency***

- Undocumented immigrants in the U.S. on the date of introduction may register for a temporary visa (H-5B0, which is valid for six years.

### ***Family Reunification***

- Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens are not counted against the 480,000 annual cap on family-sponsored green cards, providing additional slots for other family preference categories.

### ***Temporary Worker Program***

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### ***Enforcement***

- Requires the development of a national strategy for border security which may include identification and evaluation of points of entry and portions of the border which must be protected from illegal transit.

### ***Addressing the Root Causes of Migration***

- Includes a Sense of Congress which acknowledges the need to assist the government of Mexico with its governance and promoting opportunities for its citizens which will help reduce migration incentives. Also recommends a partnership between the two governments to increase health care access to poor and underserved populations in Mexico.

## SENSENBRENNER BILL

This bill will dramatically affect the lives of legal immigrants, citizens and citizens-in-waiting, and business owners. It does not address in a realistic way the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country. Below is a list of some of the more outrageous provisions in what is a 171-page of immigration restrictions.

***Make any relative, employer, co-worker, co-congregant, or friend of an undocumented immigrant into an "alien smuggler" and a criminal.***

***Make 11 million undocumented immigrants – and legal immigrants who have temporary status problems – into criminals that local police may arrest.***

***Make it harder for legal permanent residents to become citizens.***

***Require employers to verify workers' legal status, without providing access to legal workers through Immigration reform.***

***Deny admission to nationals of certain countries***

***Have state and local police enforce immigration laws.***

