

### Brochures

**Called to Welcome the Stranger Among Us**  
available in several languages

**Excerpts from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching**  
reflections on the seven key themes of Catholic social teaching

**Unity in Diversity: A Scriptural Rosary**  
available in English and Spanish

### Other Printed Materials

Greetings and the rosary in many languages

Mass schedule in "other than English"

Multicultural Newsletter printed twice a year

Bulletin Insert Announcements to create awareness and outreach; available in English and Spanish

These materials available at:

[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org)

### Videos and DVDs

Many Faces in God's House

Who are my Sisters & Brothers?

Cultural Diversity: Enriching Human Community

Dying to Live—A Migrant's Journey

Evangelizing God's People in a Culture of Diversity

Our office can provide speakers on issues regarding Multicultural Affairs for parish groups, Communion breakfasts and school programs.

### RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING UNITY IN DIVERSITY

### Websites

[www.usccb.org/scdc](http://www.usccb.org/scdc): U.S. Catholic Bishops

[www.usccb.org/mrs](http://www.usccb.org/mrs): Programs and advocacy

[www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org): UN Refugee Agency

[www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org): Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform

<http://salt.claretianpubs.org>: Social justice resources

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is dedicated to creating an awareness of the rich ethnic diversity in the Diocese of Allentown, and develop outreach programs and resource materials which challenge parishes and individuals to strive to welcome cultural diversity.

The Church's call to communion, solidarity and conversion to the *stranger in our midst* encourages the newcomer's inclusion and participation in a parish.

### Advisory Committee

*(meets three times a year)*

The Multicultural Advisory Committee focuses on the rich cultural diversity in the Diocese of Allentown and assists parishes in welcoming the newcomer, regardless of race, culture, or nationality.

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## THE OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS



*Beloved, you are faithful in all you do for the brothers, especially for strangers; they have testified to your love before the church. Please help them in a way worthy of God to continue their journey.*

*3 John: 5*



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# Welcoming the Stranger Among Us

*“We call upon all people of good will, but Catholics especially, to welcome newcomers in their neighborhoods and schools, in their places of work and worship, with heartfelt hospitality, openness, and eagerness both to help and to learn from our brothers and sisters, of whatever race, religion, ethnicity, or background. This call is based on the rich heritage of Scripture and the Church’s teaching.”*

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us:  
Unity in Diversity  
U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000

The Secretariat of Catholic Life and Evangelization’s administrative offices were restructured in early October 2010.

Multicultural Affairs, which had been a ministry within the Office for Social Action, is now designated as the *Office of Multicultural Affairs*.

## Upcoming Event

**Workshop on Welcoming  
“The Welcoming Parish”  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**St. Bernard Oratory  
132 S. 5th St.  
Easton, PA 18042**

## THE GOSPEL CALL and OUR RESPONSE

### Call to Communion

“As Catholics we are called to take concrete measures to overcome the misunderstanding, ignorance, competition, and fear that stand in the way of genuinely welcoming the stranger in our midst and enjoying the communion that is our destiny as children of God.”

U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000

Inter-cultural communication is a balance between respect for the cultures, values, and traditions of the immigrants on the one hand, and drawing immigrants into the unity of the church on the other hand.



### Ways to Foster Communion

*Through special liturgies and multicultural gatherings, the faithful can experience the rich gifts, customs and religious traditions of the various cultures in the Diocese of Allentown. As the Body of Christ we welcome each person as sister or brother.*



## THE GOSPEL CALL and OUR RESPONSE

### Call to Solidarity

“The Gospel calls us to solidarity with those who are suffering, vulnerable, and in need. In an age of economic globalization, a special concern of a culture of solidarity must be the migrant worker, both rural and urban. These laborers are vital to our agricultural, construction, service, and tourist industries.”

U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000

### Ways to Foster Solidarity

*Be aware of immigration issues.  
Aid in resettlement of newcomers.*

### Call to Conversion

“The Church of the twenty-first century requires a profound conversion in spirit and in its institutions to reflect its own cultural pluralism, to address the needs of the whole Catholic community, and to further a genuine communion and solidarity among the diverse members of the Body of Christ.”

U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000

### Ways to Foster Conversion

*Reflect on the immigration stories of your ancestors. Realize that “loving our neighbor” extends and reaches out into the community as a whole.*