

**Vincentian Family Gathering of North America
June 9-11, 2017 in San Antonio, TX**

**Theme: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me...” MT 25:35
400th Anniversary of the Vincentian Charism**

Meeting Goals:

*Deepen our relationships and strengthen effective collaboration as a Vincentian Family
Increase our understanding of the complexities of the current immigration system
Discern how we are called to challenge injustice and create positive systemic change around migration.*

Meeting AGENDA (All times Central)

Friday, June 9, 2017

- 1:00-4:00 PM Registration
- 2:30 PM New Participant Orientation
- 4 PM Opening of Gathering, welcome, prayer
Getting to know you activity at tables
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 7 PM Table process
- 8:15 PM Young adult get-acquainted gathering (those 18-40 years of age)

Saturday, June 10

- 7:30- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Gathering and Prayer
- 9 AM *Voices of immigrants:* Yessenia Vasquez from Guatemala and Yohannes Bahta from Eritrea
Table conversations
- 11:00 AM Workshop round one
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 PM Workshop round two
- 2:30 PM Break
- 3 PM Keynote - Victor Carmona – *Theology of Migration*
Reflection at tables
- 5 PM Eucharist
- 6:30 PM Dinner
- 8 PM Free evening
Young adult networking and reflection (open to all)

Sunday, June 11

8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast

9 AM Gathering and Prayer

Keynote: Ashley Feasley: *What can we do as Vin Fam and in collaboration with others?*

Table process: where do we go from here, personally and as Vincentian Family?

10:45 AM Reflections on weekend / evaluations

11:30 AM Closing prayer and sending forth

OPTIONS FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS (note: Craig, Justin, & Andres will present twice)

Saturday at 11 AM

Rev Craig Mousin from DePaul U (English)

How do we participate in living the Gospel narrative and the legacy of foundational Vincentian figures? Craig will explain basic elements of immigration law, highlight ministries of healing, and will consider how the narrative of familiar biblical characters would be altered if subject to contemporary immigration policies.

Justin Tullis from RAICES (Spanish)

RAICES provides counsel and representation in a full range of defenses against deportation before the Immigration Court, as well as representation before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in family-based immigration cases, visas and other affirmative applications.

Andres R. Lopez - Hope Border Institute (English)

HBI will be speaking about U.S.-Mexico border issues and how they shape our stance/solidarity we have with our migrant brothers and sisters and oppose the policies that divide our communities.

S Michelle Loisel DC (English)

Vincentian Family collaborative service for the defense and integration of migrants and victims of modern slavery.

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Sisters Marge Clifford and Francely Perez DC, Vincentian Family Office (bilingual)

Meet your Vincentian Family relatives: Who is the international Vincentian Family and what is happening around the world?