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CLASA UPDATE: ZOOM PRESENTATION IN JUNE 2020

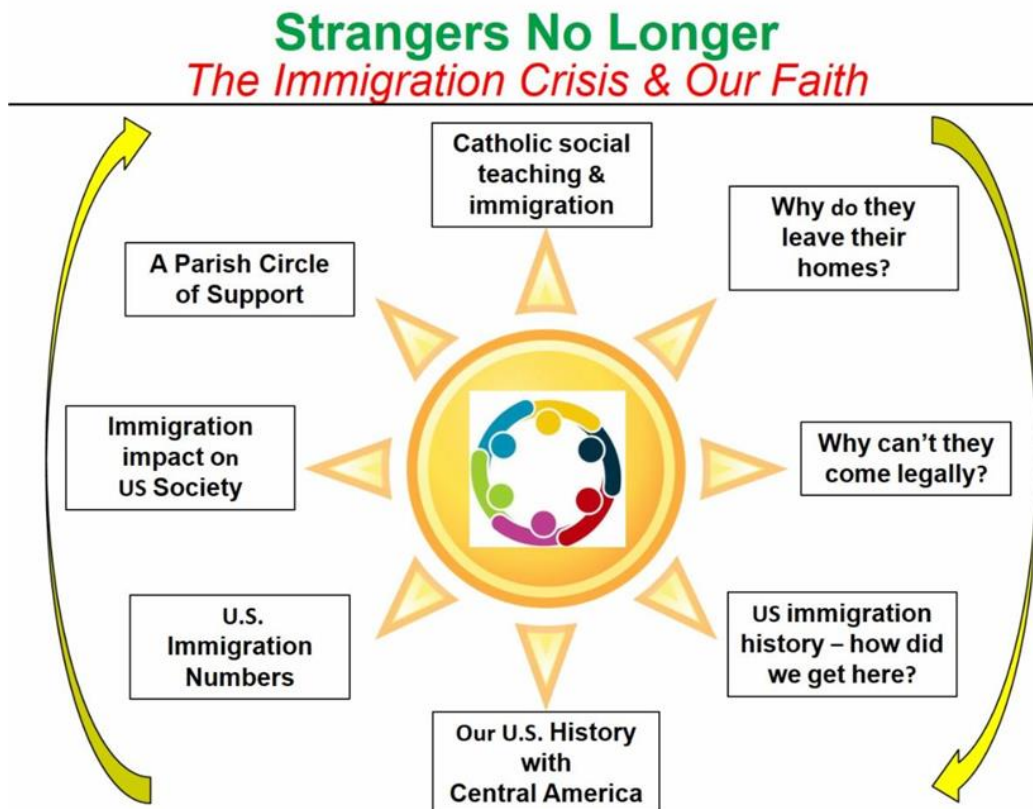
Dear CLASA supporters, hello! You may realize by now that CLASA had to cancel its on-campus planned March and April events. But under these circumstances, we are glad to be able to present to you, with our co-sponsors, a Zoom event available June 20 and 23, 2020.

Strangers No Longer, along with Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (CLASA) and Alianza Americas, is launching a three part education program for the summer months! The goal is to provide a comprehensive review of the immigration topic. Although the development of this program has been underway since the fall, the COVID-19 crisis with the lack of face to face meetings has caused us to rethink it. Currently, our plan is to meet via Zoom versus in-person.

- We have recently contacted the parish pastors of the Strangers No Longer Circles to ask for their support of our education program.

- Our first presentation is called "**The Immigration Crisis & Our Faith.**" Each box in the illustration below will be presented by an expert in that area in one session. The presentation will be given twice in June via Zoom:

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 am and Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 pm.



Spread the word! Invite your fellow parishioners, family and friends to this important event! (You can register below.)

• Each circle may then decide to invite a speaker to their parish (possibly via Zoom) to present a deeper dive on one or more of the following topics later in the summer:

- Melanie Goldberg: U.S. Immigration History and Current Immigration Law
- Gail Presbey: History of Central America – the Causes of Immigration
- Alianza Americas – the current state of the immigration crisis
- Personal stories by recent immigrants



**REGISTER NOW FOR
"IMMIGRATION CRISIS AND OUR FAITH"**

You may attend either (or both!) sessions to be presented on Zoom:

**Saturday, June 20, 10:00 am or
Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 pm.**

[Register Here](#)

On another topic, as you may know, the students at University of Central America (UCA) greatly depend on the scholarship money we usually raise through our annual UCA Jesuit Martyrs Scholarship fundraiser dinner. I am hoping that you will still consider donating to the fund, even though there was not a dinner this past April.



Dean Brackley, S.J.,
founder of the UCA
Jesuit Martyrs
Scholarship Fund.

If you are able to donate this year, please send your funds directly ([online](#)) to the Jesuits of Central and Southern Province (and they send the funds to El Salvador). And then drop me an email at presbegm@udmercy.edu letting me know you have done this (and let me know your postal address). I will send you a coffee-color print of Dean Brackley (see left), created by El Salvadoran artist Chomingo Rivas of Sr. Peggy O'Neill's *Center for the Arts and Peace* (in Suchitoto, El Salvador). Sincerely, Gail Presbey, CLASA



Keep Padre Melo in your prayers as he continues his important work in Honduras. Hear a great [radio interview](#).