

“Walking & Witnessing with Immigrant Families”

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What: The Archdiocese of Seattle is hosting “**Walking & Witnessing for Immigrant Families**” – a two-week pilgrimage and prayer walk for people to show solidarity with migrants and refugees. The pilgrimage **starts on April 29th** and concludes on May 11th with an 11 am outdoor mass at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. During the two weeks, pilgrims will visit more than 30 parishes while they pray for families impacted by immigration around the world.

When: [Daily stops](#) at 30 + parishes along the routes, including:

- April 29th - Kick-off event at Assumption Church in Bellingham with a commissioning Mass followed by a 3 mile walk to Sacred Heart Church for a viewing of “Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey.”
- May 5th – Morning start at St. Louise Church with a 4.7 mile walk to the Sisters of Joseph Peace & Spirituality Center in Bellevue for a multilingual prayer service.
- May 6th – Morning start at Christ the King. Catholic school students will join the pilgrimage and host lunch at Gasworks park for 100+ pilgrims. Walk continues on to St. Mary’s Church in Seattle.
- **Final Mass on May 11th at 11 am at the Northwest Detention Center.**

Who: This grassroots effort is supported by the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Washington State Catholic Conference and Catholic Community Services.

Social: **#Walking+Witnessing**
Follow the pilgrimage on Facebook: @ArchdioceseofSeattle and @NorthwestCatholic

Spokespeople:

- **Jose Ortiz**, pastoral assistant for social outreach at St. Charles Parish in Burlington, who is leading the archdiocesan-wide pilgrimage
- **Erin Maguire** of Catholic Community Services
- **Bishop Eusebio Elizondo** will be presiding over the Mass on May 11th

Details: www.wacatholics.org/prayerwalk2019

Catholic Principles of Migration

From the “Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope,” a joint pastoral letter of the Catholic bishops of the United States and Mexico:

1. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.
2. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.
3. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.
4. Refugees and asylum-seekers should be afforded protection.
5. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.

To learn more please visit: www.wacatholics.org/prayerwalk2019

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