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### Archdiocese of St. Louis to Host March for Solidarity with Immigrants

**ST. LOUIS** – The Peace & Justice Commission and the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction Catholic Charities, Saint Louis University, and many other Catholic agencies and parishes will host a special walk and Mass on Saturday, April 8, to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees.

The walk will begin with a prayer service at the clock tower on the campus of Saint Louis University at noon, followed by a peaceful, prayerful procession down Lindell Blvd. to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. A multi-lingual Mass will be offered at 1:30 p.m. for the intentions of immigrants and refugees around the world.

“This walk is not a political statement about specific policies,” said Marie Kenyon, director of the Peace & Justice Commission. “But we do have to acknowledge the reality that our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters are living in fear and uncertainty with very real cases of bullying and threats of violence against them. This walk came about because of Archbishop Carlson’s pastoral message on immigration in which he implored us to commit ‘to walk with the immigrant and refugee’ and to ‘be a light in the darkness for others to see and follow.’”

Free parking will be available in the Laclede Garage on Saint Louis University’s campus. Vans will shuttle people throughout the event along the route from SLU to the Cathedral Basilica. School, agency, congregation, and parish banners are welcome.

For more information visit [archstl.org/immigration](http://archstl.org/immigration), or contact Marie Kenyon (314-792-7062; [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org)).

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