

Borders, Immigrants & National Values:

Shaping Immigration Policy to Benefit Everyone

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West will focus on the phenomenon of immigration, particularly illegal immigration and address often asked questions: "Why do people come? Why don't they come legally? Why do they take jobs from U.S. citizens?"

He will also speak about why it is in everyone's best interest that we enact comprehensive immigration reform as soon as possible. .



West Cosgrove is the founder and executive director of Project Puento in El Paso, Texas, an educational project along the US - Mexico border addressing the realities of economic and political injustice arising from globalization. For almost three decades West has been involved in Latin American social and political activism. He lived and worked for seven years as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Barquisimeto, Venezuela where he helped develop a food cooperative and a local newspaper in an economically poor neighborhood. For the past 17 years West has lived and worked along the U.S. - Mexico border, developing a week-long border studies seminar. To date over 150 groups and 1,500 individuals have participated in this program.