

Resources for Congregational Engagement:

Immigration & Racism

Video: Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey (33 minutes)

Summary: This DVD gives a profound look at the human face of the migrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes, and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of photographers, theologians, church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians, and the immigrants themselves, this documentary explores the places of conflict, pain, and hope along the US-Mexico border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of it all. Also includes additional film footage of interviews with the executive producer and six other participating scholars.

- Video: <https://vimeo.com/113296084>
- Discussion Guide: www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/Dying-to-Live.pdf

Video: Race the Power of an Illusion: The House We Live in Part 1 (26 minutes)

Summary: This documentary segment focuses on how our institutions shape and create race, giving different groups vastly unequal life chances. Who is white? In the early 20th century, the answer was not always clear. Often, the courts had to decide, and they resorted to contradictory logic to maintain the color line. This video segment explores the history of immigration, citizenship and racism in the U.S.

- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHIKwWp50IM>
- Discussion Guide: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WoWDzQzR_A_RqJT78DkmPtCGHb2QySEX9mOjgGOMwo/edit?usp=sharing

Article: How Legacies of Immigration Persist in U.S. Immigration Policy by David Cook-Martin and David Scott FitzGerald

Summary: This article explores the way that race historically has impacted immigration laws in the U.S. and how our immigration policy continues to disproportionately advantage immigrants of European descent.

- Article: <https://scholars.org/brief/how-legacies-racism-persist-us-immigration-policy>
- Discussion Guide: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S7ImYj28XMEkHhqiL_FHmoftjIQWxqTvq5i8jU8LME/edit?usp=sharing

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<https://forms.gle/Vc6aKHfSeZ3VUE6o8>