

September 21, 2006

The Honorable William H. Frist
United States Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Frist,

As President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with 112,000 members serving those who are poor across the United States, I urge you to make just and comprehensive immigration reform a priority. Please do not allow our country to be torn apart by fear, anger, or hatred. There must be a meeting of the minds, a solution to this critical issue, so that healing can begin.

We pray for fair measures to address the undocumented population living and working in the United States, including a path to citizenship for undocumented persons in this country; a temporary worker program which protects both U.S. and foreign-born workers; family-based immigration reform which reduces backlogs in family unity categories; restoration of due process protections for immigrants; and policies which address the root causes of flight.

As citizens and elected officials of the United States, members of the Legislative Branch of our government and the White House must dialog and come together for the common good. We cannot allow this issue to tear our country apart. I urge you to work for just and comprehensive immigration reform.

Yours in St. Vincent and Blessed Frédéric,

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President
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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

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United States House of Representatives
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pelosi:

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
United States House of Representatives
235 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1314

Dear Representative Hastert:

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