

****MEDIA ADVISORY****

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Historic Immigrant Rights and Citizenship Drive on July 12th!

San Francisco Archdiocese & San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP),
SFILEN, and ILRC Work Together to Support the
Needs of Immigrants in Our Churches

Who: The Office of Public Policy & Social Concerns of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese, The Irish Immigration Pastoral Center and the San Francisco Organizing Project are partnering with Catholic Churches throughout the city to support the needs of immigrants in our Churches.

What: This event will have a workshop to teach immigrants about their rights in case of Immigration Raids, as well as FREE LEGAL Immigration Assistance. Also, we will provide FREE legal support to all who want to apply for their US Citizenship. Bi-lingual English and Spanish Services will be provided.

The requirements for US citizenship are: Have been a permanent legal resident for 5 or more years, or if married to a US citizen then for 3 or more years!

When: Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Catholic Church, Parish Hall: 1261 Alabama Street at 25th Street. San Francisco, CA 94110

Why: In San Francisco, there is an estimated 41,000 immigrants who are eligible for citizenship but have not begun the process of becoming citizens. With the blessing of the Archdiocese, St. Peters Church members and other faithful Catholics are putting their faith into action on July 12, 2008, to support the needs of immigrants in our community!

We invite you to this historic event! If you are interested in participating or volunteering please RSVP to Lorena Melgarejo at SFOP at (415) 724-4987