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University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute presents lecture on Immigration Issues

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute and Maryknoll present a lecture titled "The Wall that Divides."

WHO: Jay J. Johnson-Castro
Border Network for Human Rights

WHEN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: The Rio Grande Valley is witnessing a wall being constructed between the U.S. and Mexico, and detention centers are being established that are straining under the lack of a comprehensive immigration policy. In this lecture, Jay J. Johnson-Castro will examine these immigration issues.

Johnson-Castro resides in Del Rio and is a member of Border Network for Human Rights and Border Ambassadors. Since 2005, he has also been championing the ecology and environment of the Rio Grande Corridor, submitting the Rio Grande as an endangered river and filing suit against the Federal Government to protect endangered species in the Rio Grande region.

He has most recently become recognized internationally as a human rights activist for his hundreds of miles of protest walks against the border wall and the "for profit" prison camps of thousands of immigrant refugees, especially T. Don Hutto prison camp where hundreds of children are imprisoned for profit.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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