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University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute and the Maryknoll First Friday Forum present a lecture on immigration issues

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Young Social Justice Institute and Maryknoll First Friday Forum present a lecture titled, "Bridge-Building Through Faithful Citizenship: Cultivating Peace and Reconciliation in Communities Divided by the Immigration Issue."

WHO: The Rev. Juan Molina, Advocacy Program Director
Southwest Region of Catholic Relief Services

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Council of Clubs room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND:

How can one bring peace and reconciliation to communities who have been divided by the politics of immigration? Fr. Juan Molina will suggest direction for bridge-building based on the insights from the following documents of Catholic social teaching: *Ecclesia in America* (1999), *Welcoming the Stranger* (2000), *Strangers No Longer* (2003), *God is Love* (2005) and *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (2007).

Fr. Molina is a Roman Catholic priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, and earned his doctorate in Economics from Fordham University. He is the author of *"The Impact of Remittances in Developing Countries."*

The Rev. William J. Young Social Justice Institute brings together academics, students, social justice activists, clergy, and parish ministers on a regular basis to project the implications of Catholic Social Teaching for the pressing political, social, and economic issues of the day. The Maryknoll First Friday Forum is held on the first Friday of every month.

COST: Free and open to the public

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