

Brothers and Sisters,

Let us go forward with our holiday season and begin the New Year with a renewed a spirit of hope and commitment to seeing the dream of comprehensive immigration reform come true. We experienced the power of fasting and prayer. Now we must use that power.

Even Pope Francis is taking a stand on immigration. On the World Day of Migrants and Refugees the Pope stated: "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity," he said. "They are children, women and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more."

FAN is honored to host the documentary *Apple Forecast: Immigration Reform* by filmmaker and producer Kathryn Smith Pyle. Kathryn is a Sundance Institute Fellow (2011 Documentary Edit and Story Lab; 2009 Creative Producers Lab) whose former career as a grantmaker in the U.S. and Latin America was dedicated to grassroots development and giving voice to marginalized communities, often through community media projects. Her concerns as a documentary filmmaker continue that commitment, working in partnership with human rights groups and social movements.

The film features two women impatient for a change. One, the treasurer of her multi-generational family farm corporation, describes her business and how dependent she is on the workers, whose skill and motivation she admires. The second woman, who came from Mexico nearly 20 years ago, is a supervisor in a processing plant and active in her church; she is recognized for her leadership ability, but without documents her contribution to her community is limited and her children's educational opportunities are uncertain. Captioned "*Apple Forecast: Immigration Reform*," the film is only five minutes long, so that busy people, particularly policy makers, will have time to look and listen. The film is meant to be used as a conversation tool. Most importantly, it is meant to reach out to people who might understand immigration reform better through this new lens, who can understand the crisis that current policies have created for everyone by the stories of this small farmer and her valued workers.

We ask that you share this powerful video with your networks, friends and those whom we are trying to influence. Unlike most of the videos and other testimonies out there that speak primarily to the progressive community, this film is meant to reach Americans of every political persuasion.

Peace and All Good,

Patrick Carolan

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