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May 12, 2008**

**St. Bridget's Catholic Church
Postville, Iowa – May 12, 2009**

We welcome all journalists and media personnel who are with us today. From previous communications we believe you are familiar with our schedule. For the sake of anyone who is not it is as follows:

- **Gather at 3:30 at St. Bridget's**
- **Prayer Vigil at 4:00**
- **Solidarity Walk to Agriprocessors at 5:00**

A number of political leaders, representatives from various faith communities and persons who offered some special assistance to our Hispanic brothers and sisters were invited to join us today. Many had previous commitments. We list below those who we believe will be with us. You may or may not desire to interview them. For ease in identification the following people will be wearing a **name tag with a red ribbon**.

Special Guests

Representatives of Faith Communities

Archbishop Jerome Hanus, Archbishop of Dubuque

Bishop Steven Ullestad, Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA

Rabbi Darryl Crystal, Chicago, Illinois---JCUA (Jewish Council on Urban Affairs)

Rabbi Morris Allen, Beth Jacob Congregation, Rabbinic Advisor to Jewish Community Action, St. Paul, MN

Deacon Patrick Malanaphy, Pastoral Administrator – St. Bridget's, Postville

Paul Rael, Director of Hispanic Ministry – St. Bridget's, Postville

Rev. Paul Ouderkirk – St. Bridget's, Postville

Rev. Richard Gaul – Sacramental priest – St. Bridget's, Postville; St. Mary McGregor and St. Patrick, Monona

Rev. Stephen Brackett – Pastor St. Paul Lutheran Church – Postville, Iowa

Rev. Gary Catterson – Pastor Community Presbyterian Church – Postville

Rev. David Vasquez, Campus Pastor - Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Sister Mary McCauley, BVM – Retired Pastoral Administrator – St. Bridget's, Postville

Sister Judy Callahan, BVM Director of Hispanic Ministry – Archdiocese of Dubuque

Violeta Aleman, Administrative Assistant – St. Bridget Response Team, Postville, Iowa

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Political Leaders*

Leigh Rekow, Mayor of Postville
State Representative John Beard – District 16
State Representative Chuck Isenhart – District 27 (He may have a schedule conflict)
John Murphy –Staff Representative for Congressman Bruce Braley, Dubuque, Iowa

* Hopefully there will be others, but at the time of preparing this list these are the only ones who had responded to our invitation.

Others

Dr. Erik Camayd Freixas – Translator at the Waterloo Cattle Congress – Offered Document entitled: *The arrest, prosecution and conviction of 297 undocumented workers in Postville Iowa from May 12 to 22, 2008.* He observed and documented many irregularities in the judicial process affecting our Postville detainees. *“In my capacity as the court’s expert witness I observed that the arrest, prosecution, and conviction of 297 undocumented workers from Postville was a process marred by irregularities at every step of the way, which combined to produce very lamentable results.”*

****Stephen Bloom** – Professor of Journalism at University of Iowa and author of *Postville- A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America-* Professor Bloom cannot be with us today but would be willing to respond to any inquiries via e mail, stephen-g-bloom@uiowa.edu

Luis Argueta - Luis is a Guatemalan American filmmaker who for the past nine months has traveled eleven times to Postville, Iowa, three times to Guatemala and is in the process of creating the documentary “AbUSed: The Postville Raid.”

Opportunity for Interviews: We trust that the people mentioned above will be open to respond to any question that you might have. Some will be available before the service. We will also invite all to return to the Church following the walk should any of you have additional questions.

Reserved Section in Church for Press and Media: The side section of pews on the east side of the Church- near the rectory will be reserved for the Press. At some points in the service photographers will probably want to move around. We ask that you do this in as inconspicuous a manner as possible so that the reverence required for our **Prayer Vigil** can be maintained. **Thank you.**

Addendum to Memo to Journalists

Additional Guests

Reverend Karen Nichols Dungan – Representing Bishop Trimble, United Methodist Church

Rob Barron – Staff person for Senator Thomas Harkin

Linda Lucy – Staff person for Senator Thomas Harkin

Contributions to St. Bridget Hispanic Ministry Fund

In order to continue to respond to the needs of our Hispanic brothers and sisters who were affected by the Immigration Raid contributions can be sent to:

**St. Bridget Hispanic Ministry
% Paul Rael
PO Box 369
Postville, Iowa 52162**