

# Justice for Immigrants Webinar: *How Parish IDs Can Help Foster Communities of Welcome*

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# Introduction

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# What Is a Parish ID?

- A parish ID contains information about an individual like their name, address, DOB, date issued, and photo. It is not a government issued form of ID.
- The ID is agreed to be a valid form of identification by the police and local officials.
- Application processes for IDs can vary depending on agreed to requirements.



Parish ID example provided by Sr. Veronica Roche



# Why Are Parish IDs Needed?

- Many community members who are living in the U.S. without legal documents are afraid to go out in the community for fear of being stopped by law enforcement.
- They are often hesitant to report crimes committed against them, for fear of their own arrest, and possible deportation and separation from their families.

# How Can Parish IDs Help Foster Communities of Welcome?

- Parish IDs can help community members can feel more secure and an important part of their communities.
- They can help ensure that all community members feel protected and confident to report crimes to law enforcement, especially in cases where they are victims of crime themselves.
- They can help to strengthen the relationship between immigrant communities and local law enforcement, making the community as a whole stronger.

# Parish IDs in Dallas

## **Presenters:**

- Fr. Michael Forge, Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
- Josephine Lopez Paul, Dallas Area Interfaith
- Bishop Greg Kelly, Diocese of Dallas





### Identificación Parroquial de Mary Immaculate

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre Completo: \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha de Nacimiento \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Género: Masculino Femenino  
Mes Día Año

Edad \_\_\_\_ Número de Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Lugar de Nacimiento \_\_\_\_\_

Correo Electrónico: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección Completa (incluyendo número de Apartamento)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Formas de Identificación (marque las que apliquen)

- ☐ Identificación de su País
- ☐ Recibo de servicio que esté a su nombre con su dirección actual
- ☐ Acta de Nacimiento
- ☐ Licencia de manejar o Pasaporte (aún si esta vencida)

Nombre de la Iglesia Católica en el área donde usted vive actualmente  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de la Iglesia

Uso de Oficina solamente:

Documentos escaneados ☐

Foto Tomada ☐

Parish I.D#: \_\_\_\_\_

Nota: La Identificación Parroquial es estrictamente para identificarle a usted. No es válida como Licencia de Manejo

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**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE NOTARIZED**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare, to have known  
\_\_\_\_\_ who resides at  
\_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Since \_\_\_\_\_.

My relationship to the above person is \_\_\_\_\_.

I live at (complete address)  
\_\_\_\_\_.

My ID/Driver's License Identification number is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I declare that the above information is true and complete to the best of my  
knowledge.

Printed name of Person Making Statement  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person making Statement  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Section below to be completed by Notary)**

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary: \_\_\_\_\_







### Mary Immaculate Parish I.D

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female Age \_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address (including Apartment number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Forms of Identification (mark all applicable)

- ☐ Form of ID from your Country
- ☐ Bill with name and current address
- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Driver's License or Passport (even if expired)

Name of the Catholic Church closest to where you live currently

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of church

Office use only

Scanned Documents ☐

Photo Taken ☐

Parish I.D#: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Parish I.D is strictly for Identification, it does not serve as a driver's license

**ESTE DOCUMENTO DEBE SER NOTARIADO**

Yo \_\_\_\_\_ Declaro, de haber conocido a

que reside en \_\_\_\_\_ ciudad \_\_\_\_\_,  
Estado \_\_\_\_\_, código Postal \_\_\_\_\_.

Desde \_\_\_\_\_.

Mi relación con esta persona es \_\_\_\_\_.

Yo vivo (dirección completa) \_\_\_\_\_.

Mi número de identificación o licencia de conducir es  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Declaro que la información anterior es verdadera y completa a mi  
conocimiento.

Nombre de la persona haciendo declaración \_\_\_\_\_

Firma de la persona haciendo la declaración \_\_\_\_\_

**(Sección para ser completada por notario)**

Suscrito y jurado ante mi este día \_\_\_\_ del mes \_\_\_\_\_ año 20\_\_

Mi Comisión expira: \_\_\_\_\_

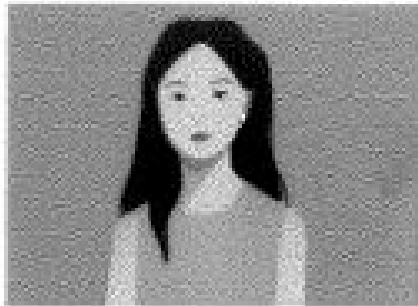
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**Mary Immaculate Church  
Parishioner Since 2008**



**BETTY  
Smith**

**Issued: June 05, 2018**

**This is not a Government Issued I.D  
Esta no es una identificacion  
Gubernamental**

**4245**



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# Dallas Parish ID Timeline

- Winter 2018 “Welcoming the Stranger” CCHD Spanish Training for Immigrant Leaders
- Summer 2018 SB4 Passes and mass attendance/CCD enrollment drops- DAI leaders begin listening sessions in congregations/ Meetings with local Police Chiefs begin- Farmer’s Branch, Carrollton, Dallas
- Fall 2018 1500 leaders from 30 congregations including Catholic and Methodist Bishops hold a public forum to secure commitments from police to accept parish ID’s.
- Winter 2019 Training of leadership teams in parishes begins and ID’s are issued
- Fall 2019 12,000 ID’s have been issued, accepted by 5 departments (Irving and Mesquite), Dallas County Community College, Mesquite ISD, thousands of new parishioners have been registered in parishes.

# Parish IDs in Baltimore

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- Rachel Brooks, Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development



# **PARISH ID - BALTIMORE**

## **BUILD**

Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development

**Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore**

**Mayor of the City of Baltimore**

**Police Commissioner of the City of Baltimore**





Policing and Community Safety

Listening Sessions

Action

Preparation & Planning

Implementation

# PROCESS

## APPLICATION

- 1 proof of address
- 1 proof of identity
- 1 witness

## ORIENTATION & ID

How the ID came to be  
City, State & Federal  
Know Your Rights  
What's Next?



# Parish IDs in Brownsville

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- Jason Lowry, Valley Interfaith
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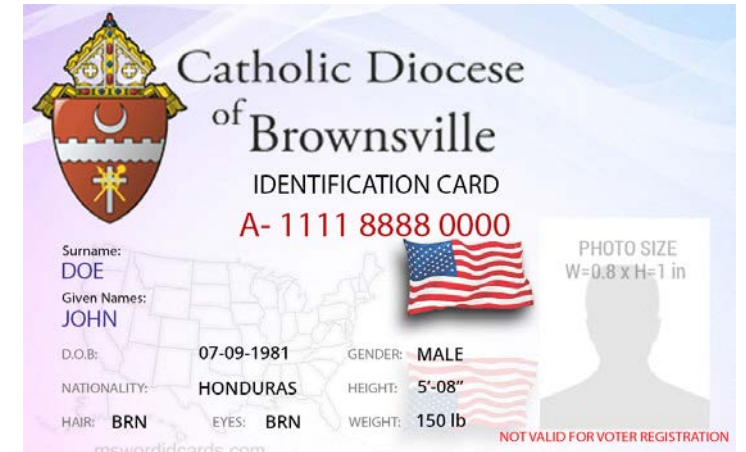


# Preparation

- Develop a team
  - Attorneys/Local leaders/Law Enforcement
- Research Different Parish ID programs already in existence
  - Dallas Area Interfaith
  - Minneapolis Identification Program Ordinance
  - Archdiocese of Baltimore Parish ID

# Develop a Plan

- Create a budget
- Design an ID, include important information
  - Name, Nationality, DOB, current address, physical description
  - Include a photo, their identification number
- Outline the purpose for the Parish ID Program
- Educate community as to the purpose



# Purpose of ID

- **THESE IDS WILL:**

1. Be considered as another tool to be able to properly identify an individual when approached by law enforcement;
2. Hopefully, restore confidence and comfort in reporting crimes, especially when these individuals are victims, to law enforcement;
3. Foster a healthy relationship between our immigrant community and local law enforcement.



# Purpose of ID

- **THESE IDs WILL NOT:**
  1. Be considered a Government issued ID or driver's license;
  2. Be considered valid for voter registration;
  3. In any way, shape, or form protect anyone from being prosecuted for any criminal violation.

# Introduce Parish ID to Community

- Speak to Community Leaders & Law Enforcement
  - City Government involvement is important
- Speak to Parish Communities
  - As a Diocese or individual Parish presentation(s)
- Present requirements to apply for ID, for example
  - Be a registered Parishioner for a min. of 3 months
  - Show 2 forms of ID (gov't issued - even if not from the USA, birth certificate, utility bill, etc.)
  - A notarized form signed by a US citizen, legal resident, or DACA recipient

# Set A Date to Launch ID Program

- Plan with community
  - Bishop(s)
  - Parishes
  - Chief of Police
- Have Media presence



# Questions?

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