

## **Report of the Migrant Ministry Committee to the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

I am pleased to submit this brief report of the activities of the Migrant Ministry for the year 2011. We have a restructured committee with three new members. Our members are Rev. Ellen Rutherford, Dr. Jonathan Martinez, Rev. Salvador Ross, Adrian and myself Rev. Pedro Guzman.

### **Year in Review**

This year we have been visiting migrant workers at the camps where they live on Tuesdays, and on Thursdays, we have been meeting with the unemployed migrants at St. Andrew's in Bridgeton since Rev. Ellen has been kind enough to lend their community hall to the service of the Ministry.

We have accomplished the following this year:

- Compiled and distributed a list of all the available social services in the Bridgeton, Vineland and Hammonton areas.
- Free Health Clinics/Orientation
- Immigration consultations
- Food distribution
- ESL classes

### **Ministry Activates and Events**

We have been meeting regularly on Thursdays at St. Andrew's in Bridgeton where we share a meal (that Rev. Ellen provides) with the migrants. After, we hold Bible studies, health talks or we celebrate Mass.

We have also been able to start the ESL program three times a week with an attendance 7 people. Adrian, which is a member of St. Andrew's and is a member of the Ministry, is providing the classes free of charge.

Rev. Pedro Guzman, Chair  
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