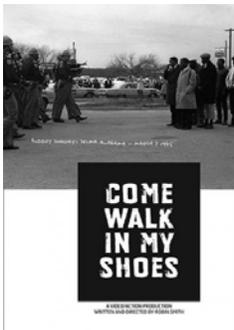


Documentaries and TED Talks



DVD: "Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey" directed by Bill Groody

"Dying to Live" is a profound look at the human face of the immigrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, Church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves, this film exposes the places of conflict, pain and hope along the US-Mexico border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of that struggle. The film was produced by Fr. Daniel Groody, csc of the University of Notre Dame in collaboration with Groody River Films and Our Sunday Visitor.



DVD: "Come Walk In My Shoes"

The Honorable John R. Lewis, a key figure in the civil rights movement, leads congressional colleagues on an emotional pilgrimage to Alabama sites from that period of American history, including Montgomery and Selma, where young people played a pivotal role in the struggle for equality and voting rights. Lewis reflects on his experiences and provides a forum for others to help us understand what happened, and why it happened. The film, which Lewis narrates, includes archival film, historical photographs, and historical music recordings.



DVD "Lives for Sale" Directed by Gayla Jamison, Larry Rich

Examines the plight of undocumented immigrants and the growing problem of human trafficking. Each year, 600,000 to 800,000 men, women, and children are trafficked across international borders; 70 percent of them are female and 50 percent are children under 18. Due to the underground nature of the crime, it is difficult to collect exact statistics, but the U.S. State Department estimates that between 18,000 - 20,000 trafficking victims enter the country each year. The actual number may be in the hundreds of thousands. Many of the women wind up in the commercial sex industry. Those trafficked from Mexico into the U.S. each year include workers, women, and children lured under false pretenses by criminal networks. Trafficking victims have been found in cities and rural areas all across America.

Each year more than one million people attempt to cross the U.S. -Mexico border animated by a dream of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. Their trek takes them into danger, and they either pay money to a coyote who leads them to where they are going or to criminals who sell them as modern-day slaves. *Lives for Sale*, produced by Larry Rich and Gayla Jamison, is a riveting documentary about undocumented immigration and the suffering of poverty-stricken people from Mexico and Latin America who are treated as human meat to be sold to the highest bidder.

The documentary tells the story of three individuals and their ordeals. *Lives for Sale* also salutes some of the religious and social agencies who are trying to deal with the problem of undocumented immigrants and human trafficking. Father Rene Castaneda runs the Center for the Care of Immigrants and Needy in Altar, Mexico, which provides services for those seeking a new life. On the American side of the border, minister Mark Adams runs Frontera de Cristo/Christ's Border, which leaves life-saving water along the trails known to be used by immigrants. He says: "There were people who didn't think it was right to give water to the thirsty. And people who thought it was their fault if they died. They were 'illegal.' As a community of faith, that's ludicrous for us to believe that anyone should die for trying to find a better way of life for their families."

A final section of *Lives for Sale* examines two communities that are trying to lower the number of people leaving through economic and educational programs, such as a coffee cooperative and an effort to combat female illiteracy.

TED Talks

How wolves change rivers – by Chris and Dawn Agnos

When wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in the United States after being absent nearly 70 years, the most remarkable "trophic cascade" occurred. What is a trophic cascade and how exactly do wolves change rivers? George Monbiot explains in this movie remix. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q>

The danger of a single story - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9lhs241zeg>

Why buses represent democracy in action - Enrique Peñalosa

"An advanced city is not one where even the poor use cars, but rather one where even the rich use public transport," argues Enrique Peñalosa. In this spirited talk, the mayor of Bogotá shares some of the tactics he used to change the transportation dynamic in the Colombian capital... and suggests ways to think about building smart cities of the future.

https://www.ted.com/talks/enrique_penalosa_why_buses_represent_democracy_in_action

Reconnecting with compassion – Krita Tippett

The term "compassion" -- typically reserved for the saintly or the sappy -- has fallen out of touch with reality. At a special TEDPrize@UN, journalist Krita Tippett deconstructs the meaning of compassion through several moving stories, and proposes a new, more attainable definition for the word.

https://www.ted.com/talks/krita_tippett_reconnecting_with_compassion

The voice of the natural world - Bernie Krause

Bernie Krause has been recording wild soundscapes -- the wind in the trees, the chirping of birds, the subtle sounds of insect larvae -- for 45 years. In that time, he has seen many environments radically altered by humans, sometimes even by practices thought to be environmentally safe. A surprising look at what we can learn through nature's symphonies, from the grunting of a sea anemone to the sad calls of a beaver in mourning.

https://www.ted.com/talks/bernie_krause_the_voice_of_the_natural_world

Greening the ghetto - Majora Carter

In an emotionally charged talk, MacArthur-winning activist Majora Carter details her fight for environmental justice in the South Bronx -- and shows how minority neighborhoods suffer most from flawed urban policy.

https://www.ted.com/talks/majora_carter_s_tale_of_urban_renewal

A guerilla gardener in South Central LA – Ron Finley

Ron Finley plants vegetable gardens in South Central LA -- in abandoned lots, traffic medians, along the curbs. Why? For fun, for defiance, for beauty and to offer some alternative to fast food in a community where "the drive-thrus are killing more people than the drive-bys."

https://www.ted.com/talks/ron_finley_a_guerilla_gardener_in_south_central_la

The economic injustice of plastic - Van Jones

Van Jones lays out a case against plastic pollution from the perspective of social justice. Because plastic trash hits poor people and poor countries "first and worst," with consequences we all share no matter where we live and what we earn. At TEDxGPGP, he offers a few powerful ideas to help us reclaim our throwaway planet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjvJSlpJoqo>

How we cut violence in Boston by 79% - Rev. Jeffrey Brown

An architect of the "Boston miracle," Rev. Jeffrey Brown started out as a bewildered young pastor watching his Boston neighborhood fall apart around him, as drugs and gang violence took hold of the kids on the streets. The first step to recovery: Listen to those kids, don't just preach to them, and help them reduce violence in their own neighborhoods. It's a powerful talk about listening to make change.

https://www.ted.com/talks/jeffrey_brown_how_we_cut_youth_violence_in_boston_by_79_percent

How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them. - Vernā Myers

Our biases can be dangerous, even deadly — as we've seen in the cases of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner, in Staten Island, New York. Diversity advocate Vernā Myers looks closely at some of the subconscious attitudes we hold toward out-groups. She makes a plea to all people: Acknowledge your biases. Then move toward, not away from, the groups that make you uncomfortable. In a funny, impassioned, important talk, she shows us how.

https://www.ted.com/talks/verna_myers_how_to_overcome_our_biases_walk_boldly_toward_them

How to fix a broke school? Lead fearlessly, love hard. - Linda Cliatt-Wayman

On Linda Cliatt-Wayman's first day as principal at a failing high school in North Philadelphia, she was determined to lay down the law. But she soon realized the job was more complex than she thought. With palpable passion, she shares the three principles that helped her turn around three schools labeled "low-performing and persistently dangerous." Her fearless determination to lead -- and to love the students, no matter what -- is a model for leaders in all fields.

Other Videos

What are the walls in your life? – Catholic Relief Services

'A Day in the Life of...' series presents Bayan and Netanel, two teenagers who share their inspirational stories about family and day to day life in Palestine and Israel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=i-3suw6Gds#!

Amish Grace – Bill Moyers

Bill Moyers showcases the book that describes the extraordinary grace of the families of the Amish school shooting victims. They forgave the shooter, comforted his family and attended his funeral because of their deep faith and the grace it gives them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAmeJHXcw4w>

Non-violence: A short history

A short history of nonviolence from its origins in the five major religions through Quakerism and Thoreau and into the 20th century. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39CyQg0eAOk>

Wealth Inequality in America

Infographics on the distribution of wealth in America, highlighting both the inequality and the difference between our perception of inequality and the actual numbers. The reality is often not what we think it is. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPKKQnijnsM>

The Catholic Church and Faith-Based Organizations – USCCB

Richard Wood, PhD, associate director of sociology and director of religious studies at University of New Mexico, reports on the effect of Catholic Church's involvement in faith-based organizations. Other Catholic leaders share opening remarks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL438138BB30513B94&time_continue=35&v=18eqbJsXZk

CRS Mountains to Markets: Reviving Coffee in Haiti – Catholic Relief Services

After addressing the most immediate needs in Port au Prince after the January 2010 earthquake, CRS initiated projects to develop rural economic opportunities for small-scale farming families and reduce the pressure to migrate to the already stressed capital in search of a better living. The CRS Mountains to Market program works with more than 5,000 coffee and mango producers in the southern peninsula of Haiti to increase their income and improve the management of their natural resources for the long-term sustainability of their crops. In the region of Beaumont, CRS supports six coffee cooperatives through training on better farming practices that improve coffee yields; ways to diversify their crops for year-round income; leadership and business skills; and assistance in accessing more profitable markets. During M2M's first year, a strong foundation has been built to address ongoing challenges that have the community faces. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3325SIGUOI>

The SILC Road – Catholic Relief Services

Learn more about CRS' SILC programming in Eldoret, Kenya. The Private Service Provider approach is a new development model for savings groups that redefines sustainability by allowing market forces to take over from subsidies, empowering the poor to take charge of their own development. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsDTpA9eN1o>

Peace depends on human dignity – Pope Francis

In annual speech to diplomats, Pope Francis speaks about the importance of respecting human dignity. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhuD-2kN_yE