



National Farm Worker Ministry's **HARVEST OF JUSTICE**

Giving thanks and
working for justice
alongside immigrant
& migrant farm workers

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LEARN

There are 2 to 2.5 million farm workers that make up the backbone of the agricultural industry in the United States. Between 50% to 70% of farm workers lack authorized immigration status and few, if any have a pathway to legalization. Under the current administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) mandate as detailed by executive order essentially says there are no priorities, that every non-citizen is a priority for deportation. Farm workers rightly fear being deported.

REFLECT

In Oregon, ICE agents came to the home of farm workers Roman and Rosalina Zaragoza*, parents of five US citizen children who have lived in the US for more than 15 years. ICE agents searching for a man with a criminal record had received a tip that he was living at that address. Rosalina, let the agents in and answered their questions truthfully. She told them that her husband was not the man they were searching for, but admitted she and her husband had crossed the border illegally. Though Ramon has no criminal records other than entering the country illegally, he was arrested and deported. Since then, she has been crippled by uncertainty and worried she will be deported, too. "My oldest son has told me not to leave the house," she said, adding that her son, 15, says **"If they catch you, Mama, what we will do?"**

** Story courtesy of Oregon Public Broadcasting*

ACT

When farm workers organize, they build power; power to achieve safer and more dignified working and living conditions and to change unjust laws. Farm worker-led Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) has a campaign urging Wendy's to sign onto CIW's Fair Food Program for farm workers.

Help farm workers in your community. Visit your local Wendy's and deliver a letter to the store manager asking them to purchase Fair Food tomatoes through the CIW. Go to the "Coalition of Immokalee Workers" tab at nfwm.org/current campaigns to download a store manager letter. **Let us know you did it!**

NFWM Board Representative, Sharon Stanley-Rea of the Disciples of Christ Refugee & Immigration Ministries



National Farm Worker Ministry educates and mobilizes people of faith and conscience to support farm worker led campaigns to improve farm workers' working and living conditions.

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