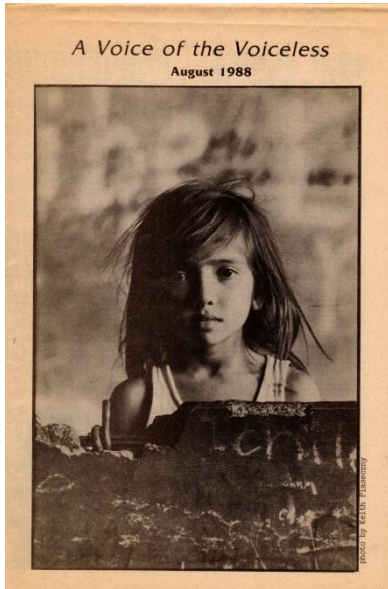


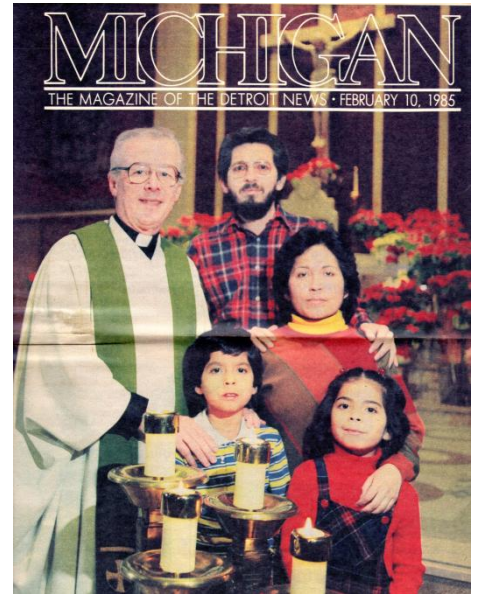


The Detroit Sanctuary Movement

Thursday, March 30, 2017, 2 & 4 p.m. Briggs 317



In the 1980s, average Detroiters took bold political and personal action to raise awareness of U.S. supported repression in Central America by publicly declaring St. Rita's Catholic Church a sanctuary for Central American refugees. In an era of heightened local and global repression of human rights, there is much to be learned from these Detroit citizens turned activists and how they navigated commitments to their faith, city, nation, and being ethical human beings all within an emerging human rights framework.



About the speaker: A Michigan native, **Mary Walle** is a New York City based educator, artist, and non-profit professional. Her work has included organizing tenants in East Harlem, advocating for immigrants' rights, criminal justice reform & advocacy and working with teenagers to bring their voices into policy making decisions that affect them. Mary is most passionate about the intersection of art and faith with social justice. Her dedication and spirit is rooted in her Catholic faith, as well as her work with the Prison Creative Arts Project, where she collaboratively created original theater with adults and young men in the justice system. Mary currently works at the Center for Court Innovation and at St. Francis De Sales, where she is building a social justice ministry with parishioners. She earned her B.A. in History with a minor in Community Action and Social Change from the University of Michigan. There she researched and wrote "The Blood Stops Here: Democratic Citizenship, Faith Communities, and the Question of Human Rights in Detroit's Sanctuary Movement," consulting the Carney archive and interviewing area participants. **Mary will present her talk twice, once from 2 – 3:15 and once from 4 – 5:15 pm, both in Briggs 317. Also, a companion exhibit in the display cases in the McNichols Library lobby will highlight the history of Detroit's Sanctuary movement. Students from HIS 4670 Latinos in the U.S. will create the display, drawing upon documents from the Carney Archive. On display from March 30 to April 30, 2017, during library hrs.**



MARY WALLE

This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (CLASA), Phi Alpha Theta (History Club) and the History Department. University of Detroit Mercy McNichols campus is at 4001 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit MI 48221. For more information contact Dr. Gail Presbey at 313-993-1124, or by email at presbegm@udmercy.edu.

This event counts toward the Emerging Leaders Program [+ 1 Engagement & Learning Event]. Visit <http://www.udmercy.edu/about/mission-vision/lead-serve/> for more info.