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A high-ranking Catholic Church official whose work is dedicated to human rights will visit UD to promote Catholics' role in offering hospitality to all migrant persons. Archbishop Agostino Marchetto will promote "The Love of Christ Towards Migrants" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre.

Marchetto is the secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. He is touring the nation to promote U.S. understanding of the 2004 Pontifical Council instruction "The Love of Christ Towards Migrants," said Mark Ensalaco, director of UD's human rights studies program.

Marchetto has addressed presidents and senior administrators of U.S. Catholic universities for the past two summers at the Rome seminars of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, articulating the need for Catholic institutions to be places of welcome for people of Islamic, Jewish and other Christian faiths. He also encourages students to seek out opportunities of faith development in other countries. On Feb. 1, he will address the ACCU again at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Marchetto also will give a public address to Casa Amiga and an audience of immigrants and their advocates at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Tecumseh YMCA in New Carlisle.

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