

2021 REV. WILLIAM A. TOOHEY, C.S.C., AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice is given to a member of the Notre Dame faculty or staff who has dedicated himself or herself to teaching and research that emphasize the social justice dimension of the Gospel in an exemplary way. Kraig Beyerlein is a sociologist who has cultivated a robust connection with groups along the Arizona-Sonora border fighting to end the suffering and death of immigrants. He transformed the Center for Social Concerns' Border Immersion Seminar, taking students to desert trails that immigrants walk and teaching empathy through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. He coordinated a Border Issues Immersion to southern Arizona with Notre Dame faculty and South Bend community members, including lawyers and LatinX leaders. The director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society, he has also brought members of faith-based humanitarian groups to campus to discuss the plight of immigrants and strategies for collaboration.

The University of Notre Dame is proud to present the 2021 Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C., Award for Social Justice to

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