



## *Solidarity Festival Shows Catholic Social Teaching in Action*

Immigrant workers shared stories of wage theft and exploitation with college students April 16 at the first Solidarity Festival on the campus of Vincentian-run St. John's University, Jamaica.

Meena Sunuwar said she and other women from Nepal suffered health problems from exposure to hazardous chemicals in nail salons.

Event organizer Meghan Clark, an assistant professor of theology and religious studies at St. John's, said the festival was an effort to engage students in a conversation about local and global worker justice.

Students used materials and interactive programs from Catholic Relief Services to begin research on international fair-trade practices.

To help students understand local justice issues, Clark developed a partnership in 2013 with Don Bosco Workers, a worker-led immigrant justice organization in Port Chester, N.Y., that receives funds from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the bishops' domestic anti-poverty program.

The Don Bosco Workers' current No Pay No Way campaign is an effort to eliminate wage



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theft. No Pay No Way calls positive attention to responsible owners of small businesses and helps the larger community understand the impact of wage theft on everyone. More than 100 business owners who pledged to operate fairly now display bright window stickers.

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