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Labor Day – Unions Must Reflect on Interests of Latino Workers Author Rev. Dr. George Schultze, SJ -- Available for Interviews

In his new book, *Strangers in a Foreign Land*, Catholics for the Common Good Advisor, Rev. Dr. George E. Schultze, SJ discusses the organizing of Catholic Latinos who are a source of low-cost labor in the United States.

“Today's labor leaders risk alienating Latinos and jeopardizing Catholic support if they accept and promote abortion and take anti-family and anti-marriage positions aligned with the radical homosexual and feminist movements,” said Father George Schultze, SJ. “This would be a shame because Latinos can benefit from union organizing and the growing population of Latino workers offers opportunities for significant growth in the sagging labor movement.”

The Catholic Church in the United States has traditionally supported the organizing of low-income workers and immigrants.

“It is now the unions rather than Latino workers that are becoming strangers in a foreign land.”

Father Schultze suggests, “Labor leaders and their intellectual advisors should reassess their support of public policies that are inimical to life at all of its stages and to the inviolability of marriage between a man and a woman. Labor leaders, union organizers, and labor supporters should at the minimum remain neutral on these issues -- as they have in the past.”

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Strangers in A Foreign Land: The Organizing of Catholic Latinos in the United States, by Rev. Dr. George E. Schultze, SJ, Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group, Lexington Press, 2007

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