



—UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION—

Lawyer Richard Herman emphasizes the positive aspects of immigration reform



RICHARD HERMAN—a nationally-known immigration lawyer and founder of Herman Legal Group, is a Cleveland native and former resident of Moscow, Russia. He is married to Dr. Kimberley Chen, a physician born in Taiwan. They are raising their children, Nathan (11) and Isabella (9) to be citizens of the world.

Several persons responded to the invitation to join the Sisters at Marymount Convent Chapel for a Prayer Service and to hear Richard Herman, Cleveland Immigration Lawyer, speak on Immigration Reform.

Richard kept the attention of the audience with his vibrant and interesting presentation. He gave a good explanation of how immigrants have become America's competitive advantage in a global economy and he warned of the perils of losing that advantage, especially as the nation seeks to pull out of a great recession.

The participants learned that: Today's immigrants are nearly twice as likely as non-immigrants to launch a business. Immigrant founders are behind more than half of the high-tech start-ups in Silicon Valley, California. Immigrants have become more likely than native-born Americans to

earn an advanced degree, to invent something, and to be awarded a U.S. patent.

Do these immigrants have a secret? "Actually, it's a culture," said Herman. "A culture of entrepreneurship that stems from education, thrift, family loyalty, and ambition."

Many of today's immigrants arrive ready-made to perform in a knowledge-based, global economy. They are known as world-class strivers who drop into capitalist America like seeds into the good earth. And they bloom here, creating businesses and jobs at astonishing rates.

Comments after the talk were positive. Each person attending learned something they did not know about immigrants. The evening was both a revelation and a call-to-action. Perhaps we can join the new age of innovation—by thinking and acting like an immigrant.



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THE COMMITTEE—Sisters Francis Therese Woznicki, Jane Zoltek, Anne Maslanka and Sandra LoPorto, with Richard Herman, stayed after the prayer service to further discuss the topic of immigration. There are always two sides to every topic but, according to Herman, the positives outweigh the negatives on immigration.
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