



AMERICA/MEXICO - "The trafficking of migrants, criminal omission"; the Church denounces the lack of preventive action

Mexico (Agenzia Fides) – The Catholic Church in Mexico reported that the profit that organised crime derives from trafficking Mexicans into the United States, outrages and scandalises Mexican society. Antonio Mazzitelli, regional representative of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, recently reported that this illicit business generates an annual dividend close to 6.6 billion dollars, derived exclusively from trafficking Mexican immigrants. Catholic leaders in Mexico have said that trafficking in persons “creates an exorbitant profit, which continues to feed a monstrous criminal organisation.”

According to the latest bulletin sent to Fides by the Archdiocese of Mexico, this indignation stems from the fact that "neither the U.S. nor the Mexican authorities have done enough to protect the dignity and human rights of migrants, and they are not even trying to put in migration reform agenda that could benefit both Countries....

Forced migration and coercion of migrants can only bring sorrow and shame to Mexican society” says the statement, meaningfully entitled : “The trafficking of migrants, criminal omission.” (CE) (Agenzia Fides, 05/04/2011)