

# **SANCTUARY CASES LEFT HANGING BY IMMIGRATION MINISTER**

## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, November 2nd 2006, 11:30 am**

**Charles Lynch Room, Centre Block, Parliament**

**The press conference will be followed by a Vigil outside of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, 360 Laurier Ave. W, at 2:00 p.m.**

Church and community supporters of Abdelkader Belaouni and the Raza family, two of eight sanctuary cases across Canada, will call upon Immigration Minister Monte Solberg to recognize the plights of those currently in sanctuary.

Despite the immense support expressed by the chorus of voices arising from refugee and human rights organizations, churches, civil society organizations, religious congregations, and entire communities coming out in support of their friends, family members or neighbors, Minister Solberg continues to demonstrate a total disregard for the struggle of those who have been forced to leave their homes to protect themselves from the threat of deportation. He has thus far remained silent, refusing to even so much as meet with representatives of those in sanctuary to discuss their cases. This has ignited fears of a disturbing and unprecedented trend in federal government policy with respect to sanctuary.

### **Speakers:**

Mary Jo Leddy, Ontario Sanctuary Coalition

Dorothy Dubé, formerly in sanctuary in Montreal (2002)

Nazila Bettache, The Committee to Support Abdelkader Belaouni

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