Violence along the U.S.–Mexico border. Almost daily we read and hear about the bloodshed. But we often fail to consider the impact the violence has on the San Antonio community and on our St. Mary’s students, as many have friends and family along the border. The cause is usually attributed to the drug cartels; however, this only begins to explain the problem. The Fall 2010 President’s Peace Commission program will examine multiple factors that contribute to the violence, the direct and indirect consequences, and positive responses that can produce a more just and peaceful situation for the border communities and beyond.

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<td>Doing Business at Your Own Risk: Border Economics?</td>
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### Thursday, October 28, 2010

**9:45 am–11:00 am**  
**Perseverance and Hope: Providing Help along the Border**  
**Speakers:** Michael W. Feil, Director, International Security Initiatives, Mexicans & Americans Thinking Together (MATT)  
**Moderator:** David Robertson, Executive Director, Casas por Cristo  
**11:10 am–12:25 pm**  
**Blessed Are the Peacemakers: The Church’s Response to Border Violence**  
**Speakers:** Anna Alicia Chávez, Education & Formation Program Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services – Southwest Region, Carlos Villareal, STL, Editor, Multicultural Specialist, RCL Benziger, Bro. Brandon Alana, SM, St. Mary’s University  
**Moderator:** Marcela Camarena, student, St. Mary’s University; PPC  
**12:35 pm–1:50 pm**  
**Compromiso Ciudadano: Lessons from Columbia**  
**Speaker:** Alejandro Vélez, PhD, Economics, St. Mary’s University  
**Moderator:** Marcela Camarena, student, St. Mary’s University; PPC  
**7:00 pm–9:00 pm**  
**Lin Great Speakers Series Featuring Sonia Nazario**  
Sonia Nazario, a full-time author and until recently a projects reporter for The Los Angeles Times, has spent 21 years reporting and writing about social issues. In 2003, her story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S., titled "Enrique's Journey," won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, the George Polk Award for International Reporting, and the Grand Prize of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award. Nazario has written extensively from Latin America and about Latinos in the United States.

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