

Conn. city praised for new municipal ID

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. -- An area bishop praised the city of New Haven, Conn., for deciding to include illegal immigrants under its municipal identification system.

Bishop Peter Rosazza of the Hispanic Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hartford said that by including illegal immigrants in the city's new identification card system, city officials were breaking ground in terms of immigrant relations, the New Haven (Conn.) Register said Wednesday.

"It is the first time I can ever remember of one group welcoming, really welcoming another. Before it was an immigrant group against another -- the first ones who came then oppressed the rest of them. We can break the cycle right now and that's what I think have tried to do," the bishop said Tuesday.

While proponents of the system have alleged it will offer illegal immigrants a chance to conform to social norms and regulations, many have openly opposed the measure.

The Register said opponents of the system have argued that by giving such immigrants identification cards, they will be given access to benefits reserved to tax-paying citizens.

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