

Press Release

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CAMI:
Comite Anti Militarizacion

Public Forum

6:30 P.M, Friday, February 17

Saint Pius Church, basement hall
1919 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago

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This will be a bilingual program.

Mother of Dead Veteran to Address Latino Community In Push to Mark War's Third Anniversary

Cindy Sheehan to join fellow Gold Star parent Juan Torres, neighborhood anti-war activists in calling for stepped up counter-recruitment efforts, resistance to Bush war machine.

CHICAGO – Gold Star mother Cindy Sheehan and Gold Star father Juan Torres will address neighborhood members from Chicago's Latino community at 6:30PM on Friday, February 17, at St. Pius Church, located at 1919 S. Ashland in Chicago.

Sheehan galvanized the nation last summer when she set up an encampment outside the Texas ranch of President Bush, calling on the administration to end the war in Iraq. Her soldier son, Casey was killed in Sadr City in April 2004. Barely three months later, Juan Torres' son Juan Jr. was killed in Afghanistan. Torres has become a fixture at anti-war actions since then, bearing a large photo of Juan Jr. with slogans decrying the U.S. policy of war abroad.

On Friday Sheehan and Torres, who have become close friends, will address what is expected to be a largely Spanish-speaking audience about the injustice of the war in Iraq, the military's aggressive recruitment of minority youth in public high schools, and strategies to end the war and bring the troops home now.

The event is being organized by CAMI: Comite Anti Militarizacion, a mostly Latino group that came together last year to mobilize the growing opposition to the war in Chicago's Latino community.