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New citizens write their names on hearts to be displayed on the outside of St. Rita of Cascia Church in Bedford Park, Illinois, during a Pastoral Migratoria program March 30. Pastoral Migratoria is a parish-based, immigrant-to-immigrant ministry that began in the Chicago Archdiocese in 2009 and it includes a citizenship program. (CNS/Chicago Catholic/Karen Callaway)



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