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PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART

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Dear Brothers,

During his presidential campaign, President-elect Donald Trump pledged to launch the most extensive deportation program in American history. Recently, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Trump plans to begin large-scale immigration raids as soon as Tuesday, the day after his inauguration, with Chicago as an early target area. We agree with Cardinal Robert McElroy, the newly appointed Cardinal of Washington D.C., that these indiscriminate deportations are incompatible with Catholic doctrine.

We are deeply concerned about the impact of these raids, which has been the topic of discussion in our recent council meetings. We recognize that the families of our employees, parishioners, and friends may be affected by these raids. In light of this, we would like to provide you with the following resources.

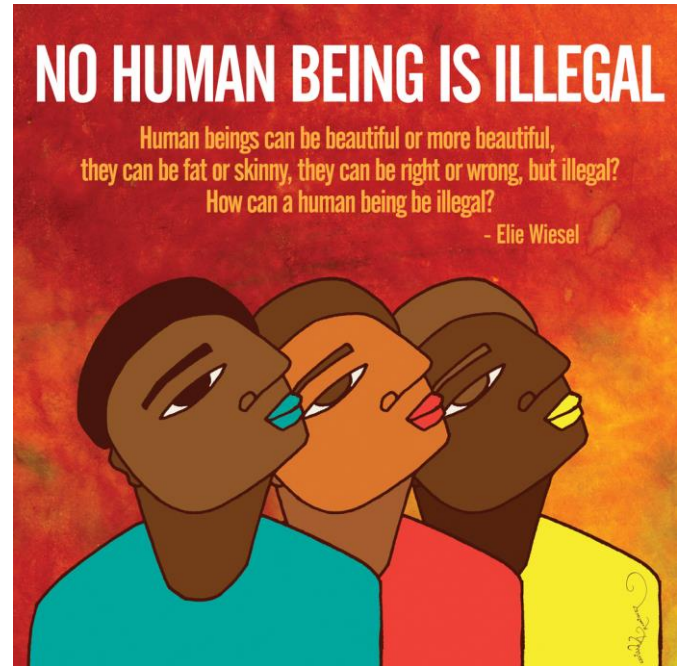


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For information about rights, please click on these links:

<https://iamerica.org/know-your-rights/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsPvsczF6QU>

<https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

A few Immigrant advocacy groups to follow, and/or join their mailing lists for announcements and invitations to webinars:

<https://www.ilrc.org/>

<https://www.aila.org/>

<https://immigrantjusticenetwork.org/>

Putting politics aside, how can we best support and minister to our undocumented individuals and their families during these challenging times? Currently, we do not have definitive answers. We welcome your insights and suggestions on this matter.

We will continue to monitor the developments of the planned raids and explore ways to respond with relevant organizations and groups to safeguard the rights of those without legal status. As Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, head of the USCCB migration committee, has noted, it is important that we do not get ahead of ourselves before the administration announces or carries out its specific plans.

As we wait to see what will emerge from the Trump administration, please keep in prayer our brothers and sisters whose futures in the United States are at stake. Also, please pray for those who are ministering to them.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Seitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a small "Seitz" following it.