



Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes Statement concerning the treatment of Immigrants on the Border of the United States and Mexico

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes stands with those whose faith life and human dignity are threatened, and we denounce in the strongest possible terms the unconscionable mistreatment of Immigrants, especially children, on the U.S.-Mexico border while in U.S. custody, and call on our elected leaders to take all measures necessary to provide them with adequate food, shelter, and healthcare, and in the case of these children, to reunite them with their families.

That these persons, but especially children – infants, toddlers, youngsters – reportedly have been subject to horrific overcrowding, hunger, lice infestations, sleeping on concrete floors, and other unhygienic and inhumane conditions is an assault on our human decency and fundamental moral values.

All people, regardless of their country of origin or legal status, are made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity and respect. We can and must remain a country that provides refuge for children and families fleeing violence, persecution, and acute poverty.

As Members of Congress take steps to address the urgent humanitarian crisis on the border created by this Administration's cruel approach to immigration, the top priority must be to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of these vulnerable people especially the children now and into the future.

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