



THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

## **Statement on the Trump Administration's Policy of Separating Migrant Families at the U.S. Border**

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The Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago welcomes the reversal on June 20 of the heinous policy of separating parents from children as they seek entry or asylum to the United States. The Council condemns the original policy, begun by the Trump Administration in April 2018, which resulted in the forcible separation of more than 2,000 children from their parents and in their detention within various facilities across the country.

To bring closure to this shameful chapter and to avoid its repetition in the future, the Council calls for the following measures:

- Return to the status quo policy for persons seeking entry into the United States
- Full compliance with the Flores Agreement and its subsequent court decisions
- Immediate reunification of parents and children who are currently held separately in federal custody
- Verification of these reunifications by a written report submitted to the relevant committees in the U.S. Congress within thirty (30) days

Many problems in immigration policy are difficult to resolve. This one is not. We await documented confirmation that these families are reunited and the policy is duly ended.