



Bishop Olson's Statement on the Executive Order Allowing Family at the U.S./Mexico Border to Remain Together

I am grateful for President Trump's executive order that places a priority on the safety of vulnerable children of migrants detained at the US/Mexico border. The executive order likewise places a preference for keeping families together as they await a more prompt adjudication of their cases.

While this executive order takes away the unwarranted separation of parents from their children, the current situation requires that the United States Congress now collaborate in good faith with the executive branch in effecting systematic and comprehensive immigration reform and to provide a plan to address the needs for the 2,000 children already separated from their parents during the past seven weeks. Our leaders in Congress have a serious responsibility and moral obligation to do so in accord with due and proper respect for legitimate authority.

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth and Catholic Charities Fort Worth remain prepared to assist those children in need of foster care and immediate relief during these difficult times.

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