

# Protect Immigrant Children and Families and Keep Them Together

## Reflection

“And who is my neighbor?”

He answered, ‘The one who treated him with mercy.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Luke 10: 29; 36-37

## Background

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate - JPIC Ministry expresses solidarity with other religious communities including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) about the critical need to protect immigrant children and families seeking safety from violence by keeping them together. The forced separation of migrant children from their parents, whether as a means of punishment or deterrence is entirely unacceptable. As people of faith we are called to stand with all immigrant families and we support the inherent dignity of all people and the value of family life, especially as it relates to parents and their children.

## Action

Tell Congress to Stop Separating Families & Protect Family Unity. Join U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign [action calling for the protection of immigrant children and families seeking safety and shelter from violence, by keeping these families together.](#)

## Prayer

God: We pray for all people. We pray for those who leave their countries of origin in search of a better life for their families. Help us to stand strong in our actions of solidarity and prayers. Give courage to elected leaders to do the right thing by enacting laws that protect all immigrant children and their families. You always make something new in each one of us. With your help, let us build a better world for all people. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.