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Memo

To: Pastors

From: Miriam Sammartino Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: Immigration Update: Reports of Enforcement Activities

Dear Pastors,

There have been recent reports of potential immigration enforcement activities in Sacramento. The nature of these enforcement activities appears to target those who have outstanding criminal or deportation warrants or removal orders. These are not new enforcement priorities. Some of the public comments regarding these enforcement activities are rhetorical and sensational. Yet, they generate genuine fear and anxiety even for those who are not subject to these enforcement priorities.

We will inform you if there are any developments. Continue to shepherd your community spiritually and encourage their participation in the community:

- Ustedes pertenecen aquí, no están solos.
- Vayan al trabajo.
- Asistan a la escuela.
- Cumplan con las leyes
- Permanezcan conectados con la comunidad y sean buenos vecinos, unos con otros.
- Celebren la Santa Misa Dominical, y participando en actividades en su parroquia.

Catholic Charities provides free and low-cost immigration legal services:

- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service: 530-824-4039
- Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services: 916-313-7604
- Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano: 707-649-1615 (Vallejo); 530-214-4081 (Woodland)

Please feel free to call me at 916-733-0254 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Miriam Sammartino,

Director,

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