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Statement from Catholic Charities USA on immigration raids in Mississippi

Alexandria, Va. (August 12, 2019)–Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) voices its strong concern regarding the Jackson, Mississippi immigration raids that resulted in family separations and traumatized children. The raid occurred on the community’s first day of school, resulting in children arriving home fearful as to why their parents were not there to greet them. Reports describe chaotic scenes where children relied on neighbors and strangers to pick them up outside their homes to be dropped off at community center shelters.

The depraved focus on immigration enforcement with scant consideration for the humane treatment of migrant families is chilling. We continue to encourage Congress and the Administration to respond with compassion towards our migrant brothers and sisters via Comprehensive Immigration Reform and humane immigration policies. Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Charities Jackson stand ready to serve the vulnerable populations of Mississippi, regardless of immigration status.

About Catholic Charities USA

A member of Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is the national office for Catholic Charities agencies nationwide. CCUSA’s members provide help and create hope to more than nine million people a year regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. To learn more about CCUSA, please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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