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RE: ICE Raid in Mt. Pleasant on May 9, 2018

Statement from Bishop Thomas Zinkula:

The raid at the Midwest Precast Concrete facility in Mt. Pleasant by U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement officers provides a reminder that our country's immigration program is still broken.

The escalation of immigration detentions only serves to separate families and enflame fear and panic in our communities. We are resolved in our commitment to comprehensive, compassionate and common-sense immigration reform for all those who seek safety that can be found in our country, a country that is at risk of losing its moral conscience.

The Diocese of Davenport is doing what it can – spiritually, emotionally, legally and financially – to support those who are suffering as a result of the raid.

In a few days we will be observing the ten-year anniversary of the immigration raid in Postville, Iowa. More than 300 individuals were detained for immigration violations at a meat-packing plant, the largest raid of its kind in state history. Ten years with no lessons learned, nor mercy or justice for families who flee from their homeland to escape poverty and violence.

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