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This is an update about recent deportations in our community and opportunities to help those affected.

LEARN:

Many families in Orange County have been affected by recent detainments and deportation, including six parishioners of St. Thomas More. Families have been separated, leaving children and elderly parents behind.

Recently our pastors and the bishops of North Carolina have issued a joint statement concerning recent ICE activity and Catholic-immigration principles.

- Joint statement from North Carolina bishops – [Click Here](#)
- Joint statement from pastors of UNC Newman and St. Thomas More – [Click Here](#)

ACT:

- St. Thomas More and the Newman Center have offered financial assistance to affected families to help pay for food, rent and utility bills.
 - a. El Centro Latino and Catholic Charities have offered assistance as well.
 - b. To help with these expenses donate [here](#) (scroll down to Misc. Expenses, Special, and mark as “Immigration help”).
- El Centro Latino will offer a “*Know Your Rights*” workshop for the community (in Spanish) at St. Thomas More on Sunday, May 20, at 3pm in the lower school auditorium.
 - a. If you would like to help with **Hospitality**, sign up [HERE](#).
 - b. If you would like to help with **Food/Refreshments**, sign up [HERE](#).
 - c. If you would like to offer **Child Care Support** during the session, volunteer [HERE](#):
- El Centro Latino is coordinating financial assistance for legal fees. To make a donation click [here](#).
- Contact our Senators and Thomas Homan, Acting Director for ICE, to urge humane treatment of people without documentation:
 - U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 - 500 12th St., SW
 - Washington, D.C. 20536

PRAY FOR:

- Parishioners and all who have been detained or deported, and their families.
- Just and humane immigration reform.