

Catholics say:



Stop the Inhumanity!

INTRODUCTION: We gather now in the presence of our loving God to be in solidarity with the Catholic Action for Immigrant Children organizations who are gathered in El Paso at this time calling for an end to the inhumane treatment of immigrant children and families by the U.S. government. Images of immigrant and refugee children detained in cages, separated from family, and living in unsanitary, unhealthy, crowded conditions have outraged the nation in recent months. We know that this is not just inhumane treatment, but against the tenets of our faith on how we treat one another, especially children.

On your tables are pictures of seven children who have died at the border or in a detention center. For a moment let us consider walking in the shoes of these children. What was happening in their countries of origin that prompted their parents to flee their home, or send their children, on such a long, dangerous journey?



How must it have been to be sick on that long journey or in that detention center without the comforts of family, or a familiar, safe environment? What about their parents? How must they be feeling, now, missing their children and perhaps second-guessing their decision? How did we get to this point? What can we do to STOP THE INHUMANITY?

Our Constitutions call us to "... allow Christ to use us as instruments of his redeeming love." (Light Candles on tables) We will take 10 minutes of silence, now, to make space for God to fill us with the love/grace/gifts we need to find the courage to allow Christ to use us to bring God's love to this situation. (Turn down the lights)

End silence time with "Our Father..." and the song. ***All Shall Be Well*** by Earth Mama.

(Photo: Overcrowding of families observed by OIG June 10, 2019, at Border Patrol's McAllen, TX, Station.)