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## The Leadership Team's ...

### *Statement to address the inhumane treatment of immigrant and refugee families.*

We, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, having experienced the all-embracing, inclusive love of God ourselves, are compelled to move toward others in the same way. We serve the dear neighbor with a presence that is welcoming, loving and compassionate towards all without distinction. The spirituality of the Sisters of Saint Joseph calls us to relate as God relates! We stand for the human rights and dignity of all people, especially women and children. Today, we choose to use our corporate, prophetic voice to say, “No more separation of families. No to placing children in harm’s way. No to the inhumane treatment of migrants and refugees at the U.S. border.”

We advocate for a just immigration process that recognizes the human rights and dignity of each person and is deeply rooted in our nation’s values and history.

We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are coming to our borders desperately seeking refuge from war, violence, dangerous gangs, lack of resources, and hopelessness. We are grateful for their courageous example of sacrificing all for the good of their families. Together as a nation of immigrants, let us welcome all those seeking refuge.

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