



SISTERS OF BON SECOURS USA

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Statement on the Treatment of Immigrant Children at the United States Southern Border**

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The Sisters of Bon Secours USA are deeply grieved by the images of immigrant children detained in cages, separated from family members, and living in unsanitary, unhealthy conditions that have outraged our nation in recent weeks.

As women of compassion, we open our hearts to these children who are cold, hungry, lonely, scared and without the loving presence of parents to console them in their suffering. Today the Bon Secours Family – Sisters, Associates, Employees and Young Adults – join hundreds of other Catholics in the ***Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant Children*** in Washington, D.C. to say “Stop the Inhumanity”. We will not cease to raise our voice in condemnation of the “concentration camps” and the horrific conditions under which these migrant children suffer at our Southern border.

With Pope Francis we believe “Migrants are persons. They are the symbol of all those rejected by today’s globalized society. The weakest and most vulnerable must be helped.”

To our migrant brothers and sisters and especially to the children, we reiterate our promise to accompany you on your journey not only through our prayers for your safety and security but also through our continued advocacy for just and humane migration policies. We commit ourselves to embody Jesus’ clarion call to “welcome the stranger” so that your arduous journey to the United States will truly be a journey of hope and welcome.

The Sisters of Bon Secours is an international congregation of Women Religious who bring to the world “Good Help to Those in Need”. Founded in 1824 in Paris, France, Sisters now minister in the United States, Peru, France, Ireland and Great Britain bringing God’s compassion, healing and liberation to people in need.