



# Strangers No Longer

Mr. Kevin Raycraft, Field Office Director  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Detroit ERO  
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Dear Mr. Raycraft:

We are reaching out to request a meeting with you to discuss our concerns about the Detroit Enforcement and Removal Operations under your direction. We represent an organization called Strangers No Longer (SNL), a statewide network in Michigan of Circles of Support, formed in Catholic parishes, congregations, immigrant communities and most recently in other networks and congregations. Immigrant families are our members and friends.

Our concerns include:

- **The facemasks and the lack of identification of ICE agents as law enforcement during immigration actions** —To ensure the safety of both officers and others on the scene, a badge or other identification is critical. The facemasks are ramping up fear in all communities, immigrant and non-immigrant.
- **Actions carried out without a federal warrant.**
- **No communication with local law enforcement about an impending operation in their jurisdiction** – In a dozen meetings with local police chiefs and precinct commanders, all of them emphasized the importance of I.C.E. communicating with the local Police Department when an operation is in effect, and not hearing it first from frantic citizens.
- **The arrest of individuals who have committed no felony.** I.C.E. appears to be targeting men for incarceration and expedited removal **leaving women and children (many of whom are U.S. citizens) behind to "fend for themselves."** This pattern of separating families is having a devastating impact on those left behind.

Today's Solemn Procession was led by Catholic clergy and women religious, and leaders from our 25 parishes across Metro Detroit---people of deep faith who firmly believe in human dignity for all and the gospel call to "Welcome the Stranger." And we are joined today by people of many faith traditions across the region.

We appreciate your timely attention to this request. Please contact our Executive Director, Bill O'Brien at [obrien.b@strangersnolonger.org](mailto:obrien.b@strangersnolonger.org)) to schedule our in-person meeting.

Thank you, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Brooks, SNL Board President

Fr. David Buersmeyer, SNL Chaplain