

Congress owes us an immigration fix

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are intensifying their raids across the country, traumatizing immigrant workers and their families. Recent raids in Iowa and Mississippi, as well as locally in Wayne County, demonstrate the violence and ineffectiveness of our broken immigration system.

Employers and farmers cannot find workers for their factories and fields, with ICE's harsh tactics, intimidating people through jailings and deportations. Children (often U.S. citizens) are separated from their parents, and families are left with no livelihood.

Enforcement alone is not a reasonable, humane or effective way to deal with complex immigration issues. Our Congress needs to address the devastating failures of our immigration policy and fix it now.

The issue can no longer be avoided. Our candidates and elected officials are morally obligated to act. We call on our faith communities to consider the New Sanctuary Movement, and on Rochester to consider becoming a sanctuary city.

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