CMSM urges the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals to immediately reject threats to Executive Action

**Silver Spring, MD** – As Catholics, our faith tradition and sacred texts call us to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger. At CMSM, we have recently been encouraging sanctuary and challenging the obstructive role of for-profit detention centers. In collaboration with our ecumenical faith coalition partners, we are disturbed and saddened by Judge Hanen’s decision to issue a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocks the implementation process of the new immigrant deferred action programs. Without this executive action, **150,000 children annually** would continue to lose a parent to deportation. Hundreds of legal scholars agree that the President's executive actions on immigration are constitutional and within his authority.

CMSM applauds the Administration’s recent actions to provide short-term relief from deportation to millions of our community members, and we are working to assist in its implementation. Mass deportations harm more than the person removed from the country. They create hardship for the people they leave behind, many of whom are children. We know these people as our neighbors, as our friends, and as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Therefore, we will continue to stand in solidarity with immigrants: encouraging sanctuary, challenging the obstructive role of for-profit detention centers, calling to address root causes, de-militarizing our border, and working for just and humane immigration policies that recognize their human dignity and preserve the sacred bond of families.

We invite our society to consider this an opportunity to grow in the virtue of hospitality, which welcomes the other, the stranger, and the ones in urgent need.

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