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Statement of Adrian Dominican Sisters on Separation of Immigrant Children from Parents

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them....” (Mt. 19:14)

June 11, 2018, Adrian, Michigan – *The following is a statement issued by the General Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in response to the practice by Immigration Officials of separating immigrant children from their parents at the border of the United States and Mexico.*

Adrian Dominican Sisters urge an immediate end to the morally reprehensible practice of immigration authorities’ separating children from their mothers and fathers at the US-Mexico border.

Heartbreaking stories of children being taken into government custody as their parents are sent to sometimes far-flung detention centers – with no way of communicating with their children for days or weeks and uncertainty about whether they would be reunited – speak of a nation that has lost its moral compass.

No matter our differences on immigration policies, it is hard to imagine American parents and grandparents countenancing such cruelty in enforcing border control.

We call on President Trump to stop his Administration’s “zero-tolerance” policy of filing criminal charges against immigrants – including families seeking asylum from gang violence, rape, or political persecution. And we urge Congress to enact long-overdue immigration reform that enjoys broad public support and reflects American values, such as protecting young Dreamers and keeping families united.

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Members of the Adrian Dominican Congregation’s General Council are: Sisters Patricia Siemen, OP, Prioress; Mary Margaret Pachucki, OP, Vicarress and General Councilor; Frances Nadolny, OP, Administrator and General Councilor; and Patricia Harvat, OP, and Elise D. García, OP, General Councilors. The Dominican Sisters of Adrian, a Congregation of about 600 vowed women religious and more than 200 Associates, traces its roots back to St. Dominic in the 13th century. The Sisters minister in 22 states and in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Norway, and the Philippines. The Congregation’s Vision is to “seek truth, make peace, reverence life.”