Archdiocese of Seattle

Statement on the recent ICE activity

November 23, 2026 – Due to the ICE arrests over the weekend at the Seattle Tacoma International Airport, Seattle Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, issued the following:

> "The recent actions by ICE do not reflect our Gospel values – namely respecting the dignity of every person, which is central to our Catholic faith. The Catholic Church has a long tradition of standing by our brothers and sisters who are forced to migrate, recognizing our need to love our neighbors and welcome the stranger. Forced separation with aggressive tactics causes great harm to individuals and to our whole society. Let us continue to pray for our immigrant brothers and sisters and for peace in our society."

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