



## What to do in light of ICE's recent Arrests

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On January 25 and 27, President Trump signed a series of Executive Orders by which he seeks to change some of the United States government's immigration policies. We expect that he may modify or explain these initial actions, and that he may make new policy changes, but wanted to highlight the following priorities and what you can do to be prepared.

### **The President's Priorities for Removing Immigrants Present in the United States**

In the Executive Orders, President Trump listed the following categories of immigrants within the country, including some who currently have a lawful status, as priority for removal:

- Persons with any criminal conviction(s);
- Persons with pending criminal charges;
- Persons who have "committed acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense";
- Persons believed by immigration officers to pose a threat to public safety or national security;
- Persons who have a final order of removal;
- Persons who have engaged in fraud/misrepresentation in applications to government, or who have "abused" public benefits (this could include those who have used a fake Social Security Number); and
- Those who are undocumented

As we have witnessed over the past week, ICE has been detaining people across the country. We have still not received any further information from ICE about whom they are targeting other than the above stated list.

Therefore, we have attached a packet titled "Family Preparedness Plan" that was published by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. We advise that you read this packet carefully. We are currently working on organizing workshops to help people prepare caregiver affidavits and Powers of Attorney and will inform you as soon as we have dates for these events. For now, if you have any questions or concerns please call our office at (718)236-3000 and ask to speak with our "Linea Directa" or attorney on call. We will have an attorney answering questions from 9-5, Monday through Friday. Please also make sure to check out website at [www.catholicmigration.org](http://www.catholicmigration.org) for the most updated information and important documents.

While we understand that this is an extremely stressful and scary time for many, we want to stress that the most important thing you can do now is to prepare as best you can for what may happen, and seek out competent legal counsel.

Catholic Migration Services is a non-profit organization that offers [free](#) immigration, employment, and housing legal services to Brooklyn and Queens residents. Please visit our website at [www.catholicmigration.org](http://www.catholicmigration.org) for further updates and important information about the government's immigration policies.

### **\*\* A brief note regarding the attached Family Preparedness Plan:**

The attached Family Preparedness Plan references a "Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit." This affidavit has been taken out of the packet since it references California state law. CMS will be updating you shortly regarding how you can write a similar document that will be recognized in New York City.

Thank you for your patience,  
Catholic Migration Services