

## **CHM ACTION STATEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION**

**The Congregation of the Humility of Mary supports and stands in solidarity with the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in affirming our commitment to comprehensive immigration reform.**

**In grateful remembrance of our founding members who emigrated from France to educate the children of immigrants fleeing their home countries because of poverty and oppression we embrace our own immigrant beginnings.**

**We join with other people of faith  
in seeking to replace  
the radically unjust U.S. immigration system  
with one which is just, humane and compassionate.  
We call for a halt to immoral policies and practices.**

**As women of faith,  
we challenge our national leaders to join with us  
in assuming responsibility  
for bringing an end to inhumane immigration policies.  
Paramount among these are the separation of children from parents,  
the housing of children in detention centers,  
the cruel uncertainty clouding the lives of eligible DACA recipients  
for whom this nation is their only home,  
and the closing of our doors to asylum seekers.**

**We make this pledge as followers  
of Jesus Christ and our pioneer sisters  
and in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of persons  
enduring irreparable harm  
at our borders.**

**Affirmed by CHM Members and Associates at  
the CHM Congregational Assembly  
Davenport, IA  
June 22, 2018**

Adapted from Statement of Sisters of Charity, BVM on the occasion of their 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This call to action is made in solidarity with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement on immigration reform, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018