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As the leader of Lexington's Catholic community, I welcome the announcement from Mayor Gorton that our city's police will not cooperate with raids by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement unless a court order is given. The public safety of our city is not served when entire communities live in fear of contacting or otherwise interacting with law enforcement. Our country sorely needs comprehensive immigration reform, something the Catholic Church has advocated for years. Enforcement-only approaches are unjust and insufficient. Only by taking a humane and holistic approach — addressing factors that drive people from their homelands and instituting such measures as a path to citizenship and guest worker programs — can we begin to ease the suffering caused by a broken system that leaves millions of people in the shadows.

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