

1 A RESOLUTION supporting the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops'
2 special pastoral message on immigration and affirming that immigration enforcement
3 actions should not occur in houses of worship, schools, or hospitals.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops convened during the
5 fall plenary assembly in November 2025, and in an extraordinary action the conference
6 members voted to issue a special pastoral message on immigration expressing significant
7 concern for the safety, dignity, and pastoral care of immigrant families throughout the
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the bishops underscored the fear and anxiety experienced by
10 immigrant communities in the current immigration enforcement environment and
11 reaffirm their pastoral responsibility to promote the protection of human dignity of all
12 people, which also extends to immigrants; and

13 WHEREAS, the bishops specifically raised alarm regarding the prospect of
14 immigration enforcement actions occurring in sensitive locations, noting that houses of
15 worship, schools, and hospitals hold a unique and essential status in communities and
16 should continue to remain places of safety and trust;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
19 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives express support for
21 the special pastoral message on immigration issued by the United States Conference of
22 Catholic Bishops and acknowledge the moral and pastoral significance contained within
23 the statement for Catholic communities and the Commonwealth as a whole.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
25 copy of this Resolution to Representative Mary Lou Marzian for delivery.