

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Karen Berg for delivery.