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Bishop Bradley calls for just solution at the U.S. border

Kalamazoo, Mich., (June 18, 2018): In light of policies that are currently separating children from their parents at the U.S. border, Bishop Paul J. Bradley, has released the following statement calling for more just resolutions.

“I join with my fellow Bishops in expressing deep concern for the recent practice of separating children from their parents at the United States border and detaining them,” said Bishop Bradley. “As the debates rage, and as the rhetoric becomes heated and divisive, young children are being forcibly taken from their parents for months at a time. These parents are seeking a better life than what they know. As Cardinal Daniel DiNardo said, ‘Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety.’”*

“There is a better way to solve this problem; it is God’s way of love and mercy. I invite all people of good will to unite in prayer for those families adversely impacted by this forced separation and implore our government officials to pursue resolutions that are just and proper to the dignity we all share as sons and daughters of God.”

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo is the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). His full statement may be found at www.usccb.org.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley, installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese on June 5, 2009. The Diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller Dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the Diocese of Kalamazoo encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 110,000 Catholics, 59 parishes as well as 23 Catholic schools.

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