



# Know Your Rights In an Encounter With ICE

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- Remain silent and refuse to answer any questions from ICE agents
- Refuse to open the door of a private home or office to ICE agents if the agents have no warrant, or have a warrant that is not signed by a judge
- Refuse to let ICE agents look at your belongings if they do not have a warrant signed by a judge
- Speak to an attorney

## If You Are Arrested by ICE

- You have the right to remain silent, speak to an attorney, and call your consulate
- You do not have to provide any information about your immigration status, place of birth, or criminal record
- Speak to an attorney first!

## If ICE Comes to Your House

- ICE agents can only enter if someone in the house gives them permission (opens the door) OR if they have a judicial warrant from a court and signed by a judge
- A warrant from ICE does not give agents permission to enter your home.
- Remain calm and respectful
- Ask if they are from ICE and to show you the judicial warrant by passing it under the door
- If they do not have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I do not want to answer any questions"
- If the agents enter without a judicial warrant or your consent, ask them to leave and say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I will not answer any questions"
- If they begin to search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- If they have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not want to answer any questions without talking to a lawyer"
- Do not give ICE agents any foreign documents such as passports, consular ids, or expired visas
- If the agents have an arrest warrant for someone else, do not lie about the person's whereabouts

## If ICE Stops You On the Street

- Tell the ICE agents that you do not want to speak with them and do not answer any questions
- Ask if you are free to leave. If they say "yes," walk away. If they say "no," do not answer any questions.
- If they search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- Do not sign any documents
- Do not give ICE any false or foreign documents
- Do not run away or resist an arrest
- Do not respond to questions about your immigration status or where you were born
- Ask the agents for ID to confirm they are ICE

For Immigration-related questions and legal referrals, call a Catholic Charities managed helpline