

# Mercy sisters call for defense of immigrants

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Over the summer, Sisters Pat Murphy and JoAnn Persch co-authored an essay urging their readers to stand up against government cruelty against our immigrant neighbors. Published on the Sisters of Mercy website shortly after Sister Pat's death, the essay provides details of their journey into immigration activism over 40 years ago. They recount stories of listening and building compassionate relationships with asylum seekers, immigration officials, and elected leaders. Most importantly, they declare a reason to continue in hope: while our risk tolerance might be different from these sisters', "we all can do something". The gospel empowers and calls us each to actions of solidarity and accompaniment with our migrant siblings before it's too late. [Read their essay by clicking here.](#)