Statement from Most Rev. Robert Coerver, Bishop of Lubbock, on family separation as part of immigration policy:

I join bishops from across the country in expressing outrage at the use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's draconian immigration policy.

While regulating our borders is important, families are the foundation of our society and must be treated with the dignity they deserve, beginning with the ability to remain together. We must, as a nation, work to form a better society while finding humane and compassionate ways to ensure safety.

I urge all people of good will on the Llano Estacado and the South Plains of Texas to pray for those children of God, especially for those families who are fleeing danger only to be inhumanely treated as they enter our southern border.

We also need to pray for the vital reunion of separated young ones in need of the loving embrace of their mothers and fathers.

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