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UPDATE ON CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL #EVERYFAMILYISHOLY CAMPAIGN

Christ Church Cathedral's #EveryFamilyIsHoly campaign, designed to bring awareness to the humanitarian atrocities from the United States' "zero tolerance" immigration policies, has reached hundreds of millions of people across the globe since its launch on July 3rd. The campaign is transforming to its next stage, with the placement of a large mirror in the cage to allow visitors to envision themselves in the plight of the detained and separated families.

"We are changing the icon on our lawn to focus on the commandment to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, including those who have come to our country for the safety of their families," said Christ Church Cathedral Indianapolis Dean and Rector, Steve Carlsen.

"We have placed in the cage a large mirror to invite those who see this image to ask themselves, 'How would I want to be treated?'" Carlsen continued.

Loving your neighbor as yourself is the principle found in every major faith tradition and in both Jewish and Christian scriptures. It is the basis for all just law—but it takes an act of imagination and compassion to see your neighbor as yourself.

"We encourage everyone to visit the detention cage here at Christ Church Indy, take selfies in the mirror and be part of the #EveryFamilyIsHoly campaign." Carlsen stated.

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Note to press: Availability for our Dean and Rector Steve Carlsen and Canon Lee Curtis Thursday 26 July, 6am on the Cathedral Lawn, 125 Monument Circle, and upon request.

Christ Church Cathedral was founded in 1837 and has been a part of the downtown Indianapolis Circle since 1857. Christ Church Cathedral is the home and ceremonial seat of the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, overseeing forty-six congregations in central and southern Indiana. The Cathedral is on the National Register of Historic Places and enjoys global recognition for its choirs and community outreach. For more information please see: <u>http://www.cccindy.org/</u>

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