

How ICE Facilitates Pastoral Visits and Opportunities to Practice Faith

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) welcomes religious and pastoral visits at its regular detention facilities and encourages religious volunteers to reach out to those facilities. Unfortunately, widespread misinformation and the news media have turned religious services at ICE facilities into a political prop, threatening the safety of volunteers and detainees alike.

ICE Facilitates Religious Services at Detention Facilities:

- ICE's over-72-hour detention facilities are required to have chaplains and religious services coordinators who coordinate religious practice needs of aliens in custody.
- ICE detention standards prescribe that detainees of different religious beliefs should be provided reasonable and equitable opportunities to practice their religious faith.
- ICE may be required to limit this access due a documented threat to safety, security, and orderly control of facility operations.

Debunking Misinformation About the Broadview, IL Field Office:

- ***The ICE building in Broadview, Illinois is not a detention facility. It is a field office.***
 - Even before the attacks on this facility, it was not within standard operating procedure for religious services to be provided in a field office.
 - Illegal aliens are only briefly held there for processing before being transferred to a detention facility.
- In addition, ***the Broadview ICE field office has been under siege for weeks***, as rioters there and throughout Chicago have:
 - Opened fire on law enforcement
 - Assaulted law enforcement
 - Attacked law enforcement with vehicles
 - Threw tear gas cans
 - Destroyed law enforcement vehicles
 - Been arrested with firearms in their possession
- Due to this ***ongoing threat to civilians, detainees, and officers***, ICE has restricted access to the Broadview field office.
 - ICE staff has repeatedly informed religious organizations that due to these ongoing threats and Broadview's status as a field office, they are unable to accommodate requests for religious services.

Religious volunteers are highly encouraged to reach out to ICE detention facilities to provide services to detainees. They can find a list of all ICE detention facilities here:
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