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Dear Brothers and Colleagues in Ministry,

Across the Catholic community there has been alarm and concern regarding the declaration of a national emergency in order to fund a border wall. As Pope Francis reminds us, the 'best antidote to fear is mercy,' which is 'much more effective than walls, iron bars, alarms and weapons. And it is free.'

Attached, please find a statement regarding this unprecedented action from the Jesuit Office of Justice and Ecology as well as our partners at the Ignatian Solidarity Network and the Kino Border Initiative. You can also find the statement from the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops [here](#).

Below are links enabling you easily contact your members of Congress regarding this decision as they go through a few rounds of deliberations on this issue. You can also call your Senators at (202) 224-3121. We urge you to take the opportunity to faithfully engage in this important conversation with your representatives. Please feel free to share widely.

ENGLISH: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/bridges-not-walls/>

ESPAÑOL: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/action-alerts/alerta-de-accion-construir-puentes-no-muros/>

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