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As Maine communities continue to be terrorized by ICE agents, Bishop Brown shared a pastoral message offering support, hope, and opportunities for practical action. "In every age and time, when people hurt and whenever human dignity erodes, faith leaders have stepped in. We are they who stand for the rule of law and for due process, and so we shall rise!" he wrote. Read his message, including four ways the Episcopal Church in Maine is rising, here: <https://conta.cc/4r8r6F9>

## A Pastoral Message to the Diocese from Bishop Brown

"It's been a week since ICE significantly increased its presence in Maine; the operation strikes terror, especially for those who are being cruelly snatched up and unlawfully detained... Let me be crystal clear: the people most vulnerable are members of our church, residents of our neighborhoods: they're part of Maine. Whether we're in Bangor or Rangeley, Lewiston or Winthrop, Portland or Camden—wherever we live and worship—we're the body of the church, and when one of us suffers, we all suffer."

*The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown  
Bishop of Maine*

