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Immigrant families are released from detention July 27 at a bus depot in McAllen, Texas. (CNS/Loren Elliott, Reuters)

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While the Trump administration has brought a migrant caravan to the forefront of immigration news, many South and Central American migrant families in the United

States remain separated from their children, often because a parent has been deported.

### **On the show today:**

- Brenda Nettles Riojas, editor of The Valley Catholic and director of diocesan relations for the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas
- Clara Dina Hinojosa, associate editor of [Celebration](#)

### **Background reading:**

- Brenda Nettles Riojas [wrote about the plight of migrant families](#) for NCR's sister publication, Celebration. The piece is also available [in Spanish](#).
- Members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Huixtla, Mexico, rose early Oct. 24 [to feed a fraction of the Central American migrants](#) traveling in a caravan, which is trying to traverse Mexico and reach the United States border.
- In August, [Maria Benevento reported](#) about civil society groups with international connections that are stepping in to find parents of unaccompanied migrant children and offer legal assistance.

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