

# OPEN LETTER TO SEN. CORY BOOKER

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Hon. Cory Booker  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Booker:

On the April 6 edition of the Fox News show, "Special Report with Bret Baier," you accused ICE agents of "dragging Americans out of churches." This is a very serious charge. It is also manifestly untrue.

Perhaps you are thinking about an incident at North Hills United Methodist Church in the San Fernando Valley on February 26. There was a migrant who was arrested, but he was apprehended while running across the church parking lot.

The only source that supports your accusation is from a piece in the "People's World" (formerly known as the "Daily Worker," an organ of the Communist Party of the United States) on December 2, 2025. It is titled, "ICE Now Grabbing People Out of Churches."

The article begins by saying ICE "is ushering in the Christmas season by launching immigration raids inside churches across the country." This is a lie. Not one example is cited.

Oh, yes, we learn about a Chicago woman who says she saw "ICE vans and agents swarming in front of her house, which is very close to the church." There was also an arrest made of a "Latino man trimming a church lawn in Charlotte, N.C." Speculation about ICE raiding churches at Christmas was also made, but there is no evidence that they did.

By making unsupported accusations about ICE agents, you wind up smearing them, frightening Americans, and undercutting your credibility. Please retract your statement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.  
President

cc: U.S. Senators

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