



LCWR and Holy Cross Sisters Call for the Welcome and Humane Treatment of Arriving Migrants

The Holy Cross Sisters are members of The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). Both are deeply troubled by President Trump's continued denigration of those fleeing oppressive situations in their home countries. They are forced from their homes by unimaginable violence and insecurity, runaway corruption, and droughts and floods linked to climate change. They are fleeing intolerable situations of domestic violence.

We reject the president's rhetoric of fear and policy of division that poisons our politics. We choose instead to embrace a dream for America that is filled with hope for a nation united in service of the common good. We stand with Pope Francis who calls us to "promote the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, particularly the poor and the excluded of society, those who are abandoned, immigrants and those who suffer violence and human trafficking."

We urge the administration to manage refugee arrivals humanely and in a manner, that respects their dignity and rights under US and international law.

Women religious including the Holy Cross Sisters have been blessed to be able to accompany and serve migrant communities across this country for a very long time. We will continue to welcome them, as our national history requires and our faith demands.

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LCWR is an association of leaders of congregations of Catholic sisters in the United States. The conference has nearly 1350 members, who represent more than 45,600 women religious in the United States. The Holy Cross Sisters have had a presence in the United States dating back to 1912 and in Merrill, Wisconsin since 1923.