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Catholic Charities USA Strongly Opposes Administration's Reduction to Refugee Admissions

Alexandria, Va. (September 27, 2019) – Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) strongly opposes yesterday's action by the Administration to historically reduce the number of refugees welcomed into the United States, a record low since the program began in 1980.

We call upon the Administration to consider the refugee resettlement program's mission to provide protection to those in need for humanitarian reasons. The program should return to consistent refugee numbers rather than focus primarily on its use for partisan-based purposes.

Our country's resettlement program is the largest in the world and we are proud to contribute to it through our programs as a faith-based partner. Catholic Charities has nearly 110 years of experience serving refugees and showing that our nation can be secure and compassionate in responding to vulnerable people.

“Catholic Charities recognizes the need to establish humane policies for accepting people into the country,” said Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of CCUSA. “Any policy, however, should include generous provisions for accepting refugees who cannot return to their homelands. The U.S. must remain the beacon of hope to people who feel forgotten and abandoned by the world and maintain its status as a leader of refugee policy for all nations to follow.”

CCUSA and the entire Catholic Charities ministry stands ready to continue our longstanding partnership with the U.S. government's humanitarian refugee resettlement efforts.

About Catholic Charities USA

A member of Caritas Internationalis, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is the national office for Catholic Charities agencies nationwide. CCUSA's members provide help and create hope to more than nine million people a year regardless of religious, social, or economic backgrounds. To learn more about CCUSA, please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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