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## A Paltry Response by the Trump Administration to the World's Refugees

"Reopen our doors, Mr. President, to the world's refugees. We are a welcoming people whose collective heart is not content as others suffer," said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

The National Advocacy Center is responding to reports that the Trump Administration is preparing to reduce the 2018 admission limits for the world's refugees.

"This year's limit of allowing just 50,000 refugees into the country already is a record low and is such a gross disparity to the TWENTY TWO MILLION REFUGEES WORLDWIDE," said Couch. "This paltry number is in direct contrast to the attitudes and beliefs of most Americans. Where is this Administration's empathy and compassion?"

More than half of refugees are children. The United States must allow and accept no fewer than 75,000 refugees next year.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd carry forth their mission serving people in need in 22 states. They and their mission partners, lay volunteers and supporters stand in strong opposition to this draft proposal. We will not be quiet.

The National Advocacy Center educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.