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## **President Trump is Ending Immigration Not the history other presidents have wanted to make**

“While sympathetic to actions to flatten the curve of this COVID pandemic and bringing the United States out of it safely, this President has only earned our skepticism regarding his newest anti-immigration pronouncement,” said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

President Trump tweeted Monday night that he will be signing an executive order to temporarily suspend immigration to the United States. The President wrote that he would sign the order “in light of the attack from the Invisible Enemy, as well as the need to protect the jobs of our GREAT American Citizens.”

President Trump is ending immigration for sixty days – and maybe longer. “This is not the type of history a president should be proud of. This is not the history other presidents have wanted to make,” said Couch.

“The United States of America has never closed down before. We did not close our doors for the Spanish Flu or other health crises. We did not close down for wars or other states of emergencies. Our Greatest Generation did not shut our doors during World War II.

“Why now, so late? Months into this pandemic? With little to no goodwill remaining, it seems that President Trump quite simply wants to shift the story line and to make official what he has been implementing into government policy all along,” said Couch.

“This nation has a long history of welcoming immigrants and the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd has had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. We have helped weave the fabric of America, through ingenuity, spirit and support. We know that America would not be as strong or resilient as it is without the immigrant experience,” said Sr. Madeleine Munday, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America.

“Families are waking up in countries around the world today with a new fear. Will they be able to bring their parents ‘home’ to the United States now that President Trump has ended immigration? What of their adopted children still overseas? What of those who yearn to forge their way? Why condemn these people, especially at a time when we really need each other?” asked Sr. Francesca Aguillón, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Central South.

“Rather than a strategy to protect our country, the President is using this crisis as an opportunity to shut the door to people in need of help and to people who can help us. We are all children of God. We all have only this one Earth. Whether some people like it or not,

we are forever intertwined. Helping one helps all," said Sr. Maureen McGowan, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of New York/Toronto.

*"Dear God, what are we doing in this world and why are we here,  
if not to contribute to the well-being of our neighbors."*

*~ Saint Mary Euphrasia*

*Foundress, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd*

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