



SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
**NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER**  
*Rise Up AND Act for Justice*

MEDIA ADVISORY: July 27, 2021

**They are Essential**  
**Support Path to Citizenship for Dreamers, Essential Workers & TPS Holders**  
*Prayer Vigil for Freedom TODAY (NAC at 6:00 pm)*

“Who was underneath the PPE saving lives and offering comfort? Who was behind the mask picking tomatoes and ringing the cash register? They risked their lives. Their blood, sweat and tears held America together. They were essential; they should be recognized as one of us,” said Fran Eskin-Royer, Executive Director, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

“We owe them our lives and we owe them a path to citizenship. It is time they are treated with dignity and respect that we all deserve. We can wait no longer for Congress to act,” Eskin-Royer said in advance of the Prayer Vigil for Freedom taking place at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm.

**Prayer Vigil for Freedom**

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

11:00 am – 11:00 pm

*National Advocacy Center leading 6:00 pm hour with prayers & poetry*  
Area 3 of Capitol Hill along Constitution Ave. next to Upper Senate Park

Watch via [Facebook Live](#)

[https://www.facebook.com/events/355681582830477/?source=6&ref\\_notif\\_type=plan\\_use\\_r\\_invited&action\\_history=null](https://www.facebook.com/events/355681582830477/?source=6&ref_notif_type=plan_use_r_invited&action_history=null)

The Vigil calls attention to the urgent need for Congress and the White House to provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented essential workers, Dreamers and TPS holders within the human infrastructure package that will be taken up by the Senate this week.

*[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, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.*

*The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 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.*

-30-