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## **State of the Union Immigration / Refugee Policy and the People at its Heart**

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"There is still time to save immigration and refugee policy in 2022 and the President's State of the Union Address is a pivotal moment that can offer hope not just with words but with deeds.

"Another part of the world is plummeting into war and causing great harm with hundreds of thousands of women and children forced to flee their homes in Ukraine – forced to become refugees. Afghanis remain in crisis; Syrians, Yemenis, Ethiopians, Haitians, Cameroonians. And what of people fleeing Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and more?

"We need a government and community willing to focus on the people - the faces - and offer support at both ends of the journey. Our commitment must extend to welcome and assistance for the immigrant and refugee in our midst. And our commitment must begin with eliminating the root causes of their flight. This is President Biden's opportunity and the world's hope."

*[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 Sisters 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.*

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