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# Parish Social Ministry and Legislative Advocacy

**A webinar presented by the  
Catholic Charities USA  
Parish Social Ministry  
Leadership Team**

**February 15, 2017**



# Opening Prayer

Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.  
It is your will that they be gathered together  
as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of all people with the fire of your love  
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

By sharing the good things you give us,  
may we secure an equality for all  
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

May there be an end to division, strife and war.

May there be a dawning of a truly human society  
built on love and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



# Webinar Logistics

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- ✓ Q & A session at the End



As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

*- 1 Peter 4:10*



# Role of CCUSA

## Parish Social Ministry Section

This webinar is hosted by Catholic Charities USA Parish Social Ministry Leadership Team.

The CCUSA Parish Social Ministry section is an association that provides networking opportunities, resources and skill development for parish social ministry professionals and volunteers at parishes, dioceses and Catholic Charities agencies.

The focus is on strengthening the capacity of the Catholic community to build a more just and compassionate society and to reduce poverty.

CCUSA PSM Leadership Team produces webinars (like this one), publishes newsletters and other printed resources, develops national trainings and workshops, and engages in consulting with fellow parish social ministers.



# Purpose of this Webinar

Speakers will identify those issues CCUSA will advance with Congress and the new administration, and will offer practical strategies on how to motivate and organize a parish community to advocate on an issue.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers.

At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice.

This webinar will:

- Present the role of advocacy and highlight CCUSA's legislative priorities
- Provide resources and highlight the We Are Salt and Light website
- Provide a 'best advocacy effort' at the local level in Texas on payday lending



# Presenter: Lucas Swanepoel



**Lucas Swanepoel** is Senior Director, Government Affairs. He, along with the Social Policy team, is responsible for following public policy issues and liaising with Congress to promote CCUSA's priorities. Prior to joining CCUSA, he served as the Associate Director for Governmental Relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops responsible for Domestic Social Justice, International Justice and Peace, Catholic Education and Communications. Before his time at the USCCB, Lucas served for eight years as the Legal Attaché for the Holy See Mission to the United Nations. Lucas is a founding Board Member for the Waterfront Legal Clinic in Hoboken, NJ. Lucas grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin and received his BA in History and Political Science with a focus on Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and his Juris Doctorate from University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. ■

# Presenter: Ivone Guillen

Ivone Guillen is the Catholic Social Teaching Education Coordinator for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.

A native of Washington State, she is committed to working on social justice causes that promote equity and the common good.





# Presenter: Shannon Rosedale

Shannon is the Public Affairs and Relations manager at Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

She has been with the agency for a little over a year.

She coordinates their policy and advocacy work, and focuses on transforming the national conversation around poverty.



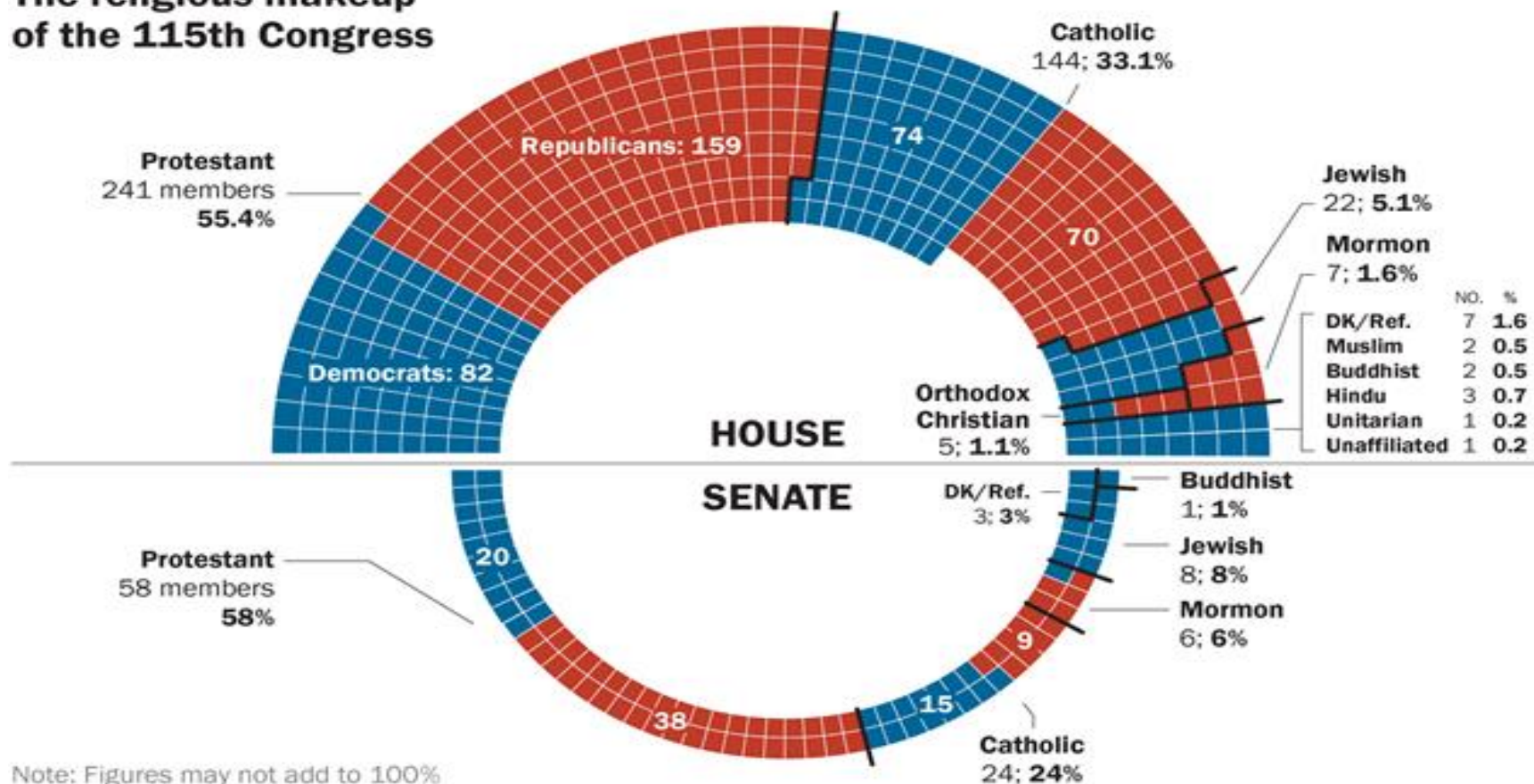


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115<sup>th</sup> Congress: CCUSA Early  
Priorities

# Makeup of 115<sup>th</sup> Congress

## The religious makeup of the 115th Congress



Note: Figures may not add to 100%

or to subtotals due to rounding. Figures for Democrats include independents.

Source: Figures for Congress based on Pew Research Center analysis of data collected by CQ Roll Call, reflecting members of Congress to be sworn in on Jan. 3, 2017.

# Key Dates to Watch

- February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - President submits FY 18 budget
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Debt ceiling suspension expires
- April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - FY 17 Continuing Resolution expires
- September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - FY 18 Appropriations Deadline
  - Children's Health Insurance Program authority expires
  - National Flood Insurance Program expires
  - Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act expires

# First 100 Days

## CCUSA Early Engagement

### – Budget and Appropriations

- FY 17 Appropriations
- FY 18 Appropriations

### – Health Care Repeal/Replace

- **Process:** Will use **reconciliation** process for most of repeal
- **Substance:** Budget resolution for the repeal introduced on first day

### – Immigration and Refugee

- Regulatory:
  - Immigration and Boarder Security Executive Orders
  - Refugee Executive Orders
- Legislative – BRIDGE Act

# Budget Reconciliation

- **What is it?**  
Allows the Senate to get around the need for a 60-vote majority to invoke cloture.
- **How will it be likely used?**
  - To repeal most of the Affordable Care Act
  - Pass tax cuts and make entitlement/mandatory spending reforms
- **Limitations**
  - Generally will impact the reduction of deficit
  - Generally only used to change entitlement programs
    - Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, SNAP, federal employee retirement, block grants, federal loans and subsidies, user fees, and tax rates, credits and deductions
  - Can't be used on discretionary spending (other than budget caps)
  - Can't be used for changes in Social Security's old age, survivors and disability insurance benefits programs. But can be used for other portions of Social Security

# Federal Budget and Appropriations

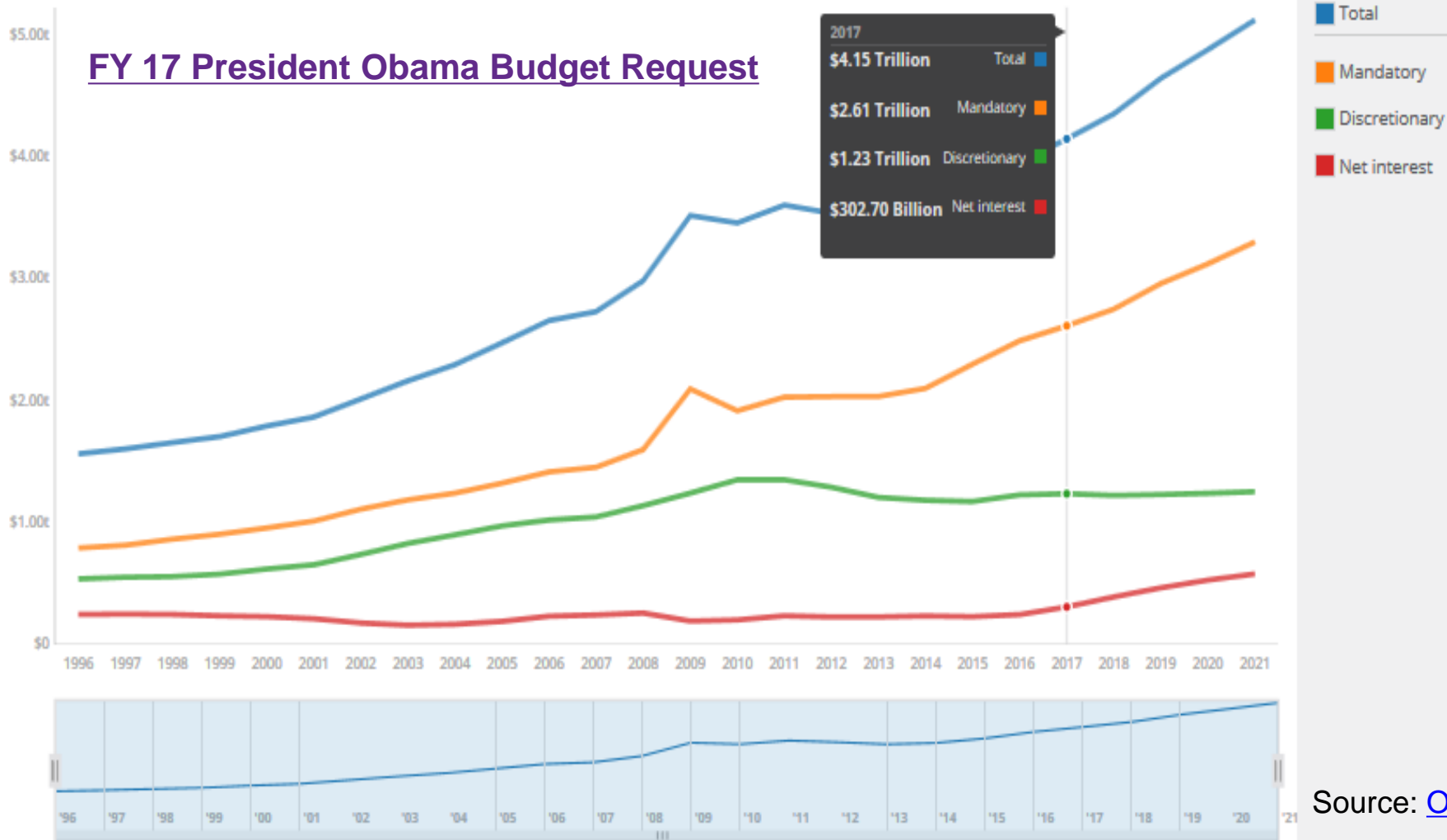
## **Issue:**

- Pass FY 17 appropriations bill before April 28<sup>th</sup>
- FY 18 appropriations by September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Murray/Ryan budget agreement ends and sequester returns for FY 18

# Federal Budget and Appropriations

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## FY 17 President Obama Budget Request



Source: [OMB](#)



# Federal Budget and Appropriations

## Overall Federal Budget

### ➤ FY 17 Budget: \$1.069

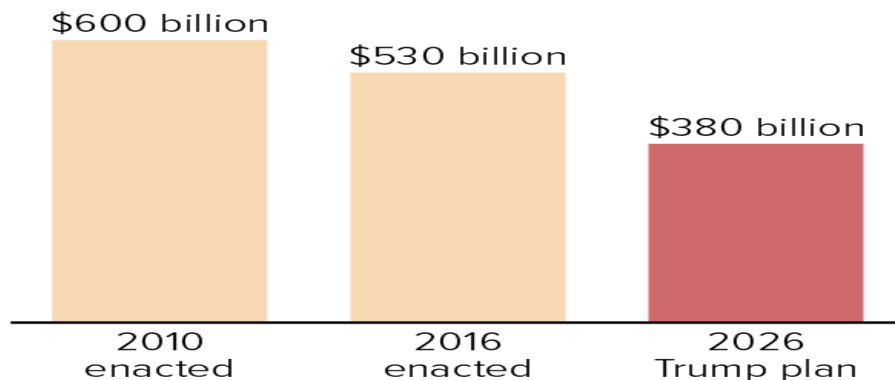
- \$551 billion (Defense)
- \$518 billion (Non-defense)

### ➤ FY 18 Budget: \$1.064

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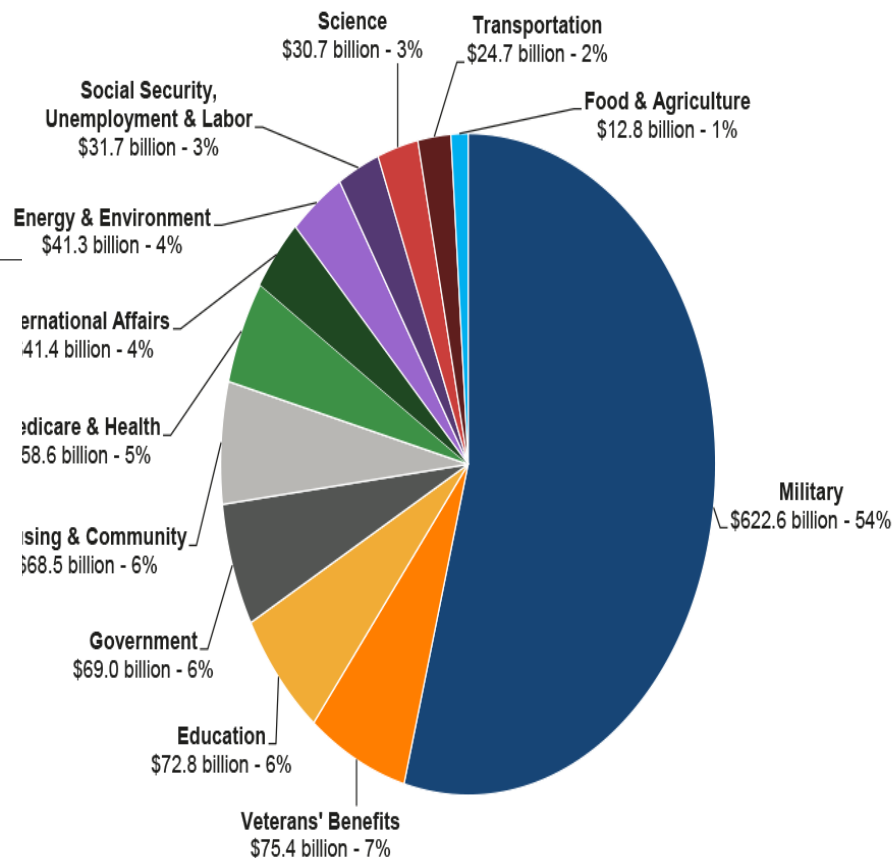
## Trump Plan Would Cut Non-Defense Discretionary Funding Deeply Over Time

Budget authority in 2017 dollars



Source: CBPP calculations based on Congressional Budget Office data and Trump campaign fact sheet

## FY 17 President Obama Discretionary Request



# Federal Budget and Appropriations

## What to Expect

- Budget will be late
- FY 17 budget agreement will be used to repeal ACA
- FY 18 budget agreement to pass tax reform and/or cut entitlements
- First major test will come in April
- Rep Mulvaney's Confirmation for Budget Director set for Thursday

## CCUSA Engagement

- Continued Advocacy on FY 17 Appropriations
- Address Sequester and entitlement reforms
  - Joint CCUSA January 18<sup>th</sup> Circle of Protection letter: *“Adopt a budget framework that replaces sequestration, protects low-income entitlement programs such as SNAP and Medicaid, and maintains a circle of protection around funding for programs focused on people in poverty.”*

# Health Care Reform

## Where Things Stand:

- Budget reconciliation passed in January and reconciliation process underway
- A lot of ideas emerging but no consensus on path for repeal and replace
- Some areas emerging
  - Tax credits
  - Health Savings Accounts

## However: Division remains

- Some caution by Governors
- Division on how to proceed on Medicaid
  - How to treat Medicaid expansion states
  - Block Grant– set amount determined by base year
  - Per capita allotment – set amount per individual state’s average medical assistance and non-benefit expenditures per full year equivalent enrollee (2016),

## Catholic Charities USA engagement:

- January 18 Letter:
  - *“Any repeal of the Affordable Care Act is done concurrently with a plan that protects the millions of Americans who have insurance, or gained access to health care under the Affordable Care Act, and provides access to health care for the millions still living without affordable health care.”*

# Immigration and Refugee

## The Issue:

President Trump has signed three Immigration and Refugee Executive Orders

- 1) Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Order
- 2) Interior Enforcement Order
- 3) Refugee and Travel Ban order

## Where Things Stand today

- Wall funding
- Key portions of refugee and travel ban halted by 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals
- Interior enforcement actions
- Questions remain about potential future executive orders on ‘public charge’ and DACA

# Immigration and Refugee Services – Border Security and Immigration Enforcement

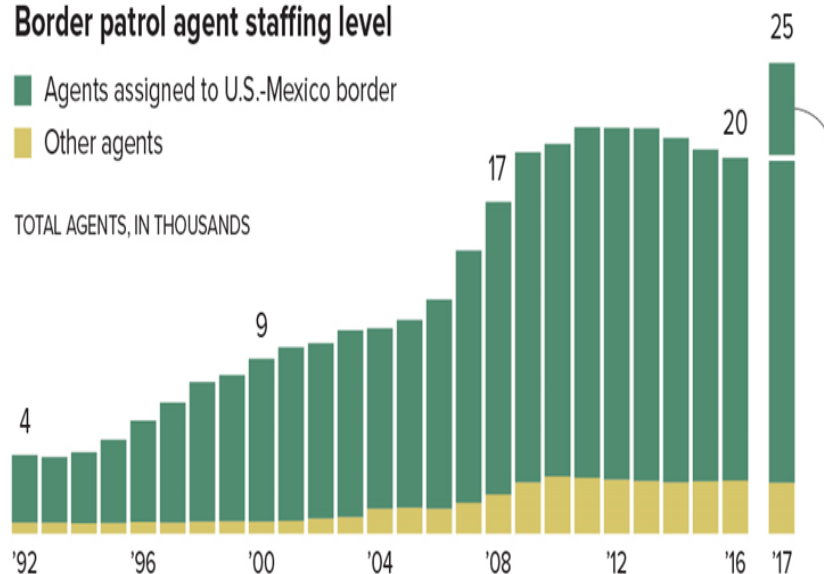
## Border Wall



## Border patrol agent staffing level

■ Agents assigned to U.S.-Mexico border  
■ Other agents

TOTAL AGENTS, IN THOUSANDS



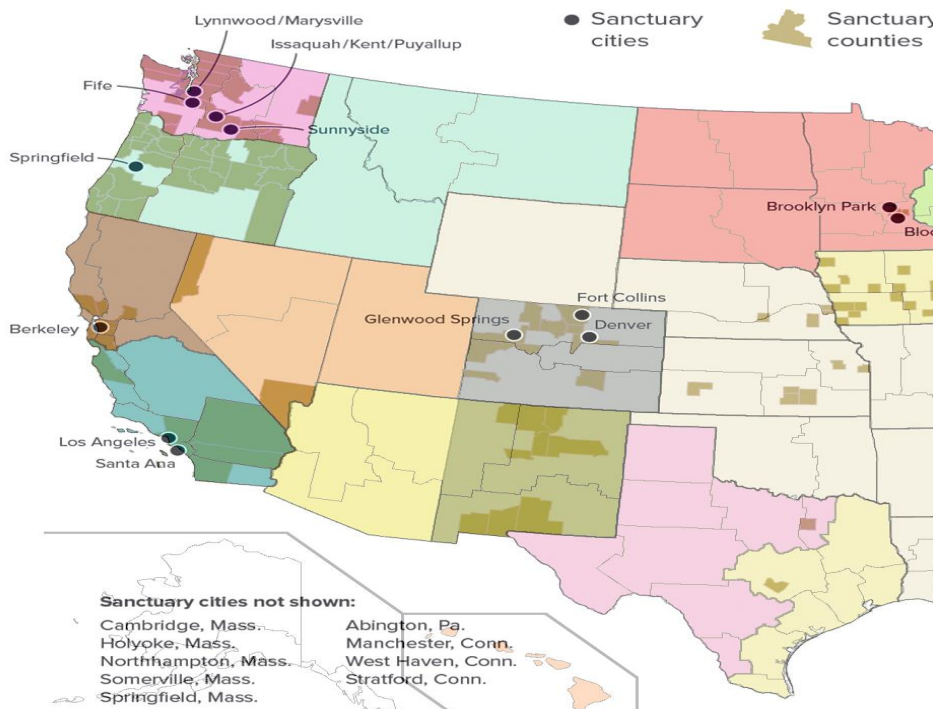
## What it Does

1. Moves forward on Wall
2. Increasing Number of Border Patrol Agents
3. Increases Detention Facilities
4. Ends “Catch and Release” by requiring detention for all aliens pending removal proceedings
5. Expedites “credible fear” determinations by assigning asylum officer to detention centers
6. Directs agencies to quantify federal aid to Mexico on annual basis for past 5 years

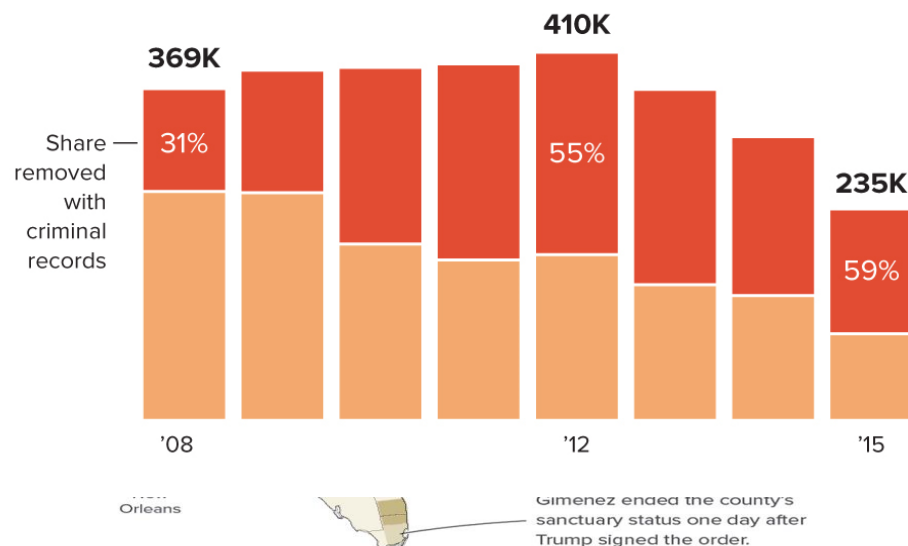


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# Immigration and Refugee Services – Interior Enforcement



## Undocumented immigrants removed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



## What it Does

1. Attempts to defund sanctuary cities
2. Changes enforcement priorities to “any criminal offenses”
3. Deputizes local law enforcement officers
4. Reinstates “Secure Communities” program
5. Begins process to impose civil fines for those who facilitate undocumented presence
6. Hires an additional 10,000 ICE officers

# Immigration and Refugee Services – Refugee and Travel Ban



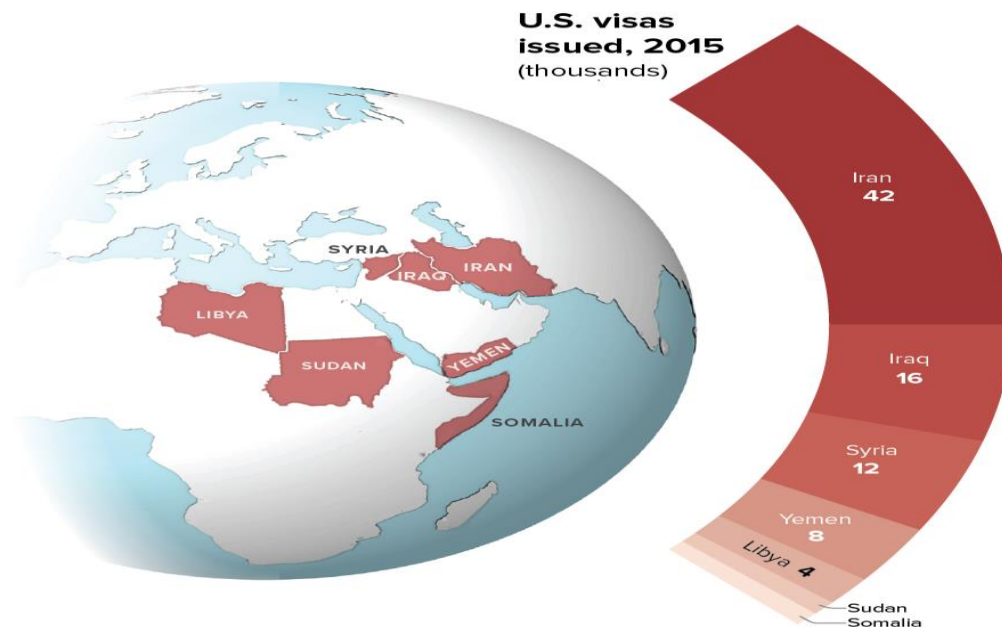
**22,982**

refugees were served through cultural orientation, housing interpreter services, job placement, and matched saving programs during their initial resettlement period.



**21,770**

refugees received ongoing resettlement assistance during their post resettlement period.



## What it Does

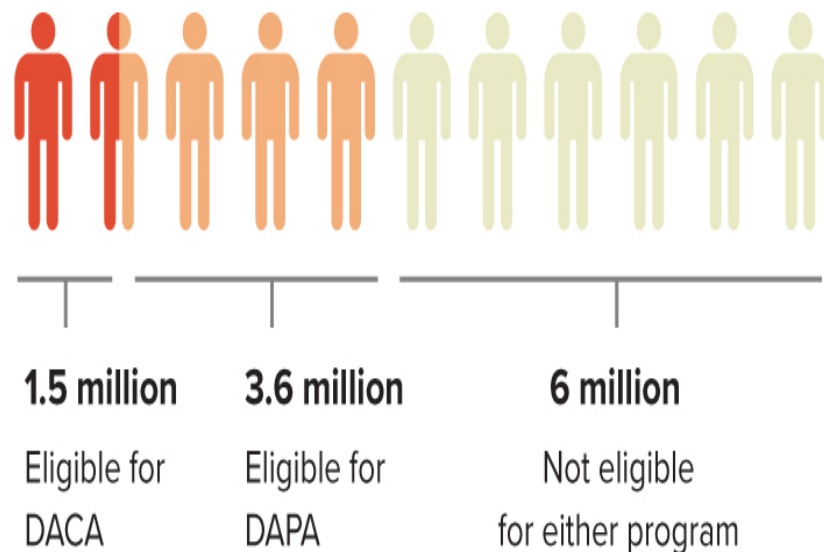
1. 90-day ban of people from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, and Yemen;
2. 120-day suspension of the refugee resettlement program for ALL refugees
3. Indefinite suspension of the arrival of Syrian refugees;
4. 64% decrease for U.S. refugees in 2017-110,000 to 50,000;
5. Prioritizes refugee religious based claims for individuals who are religious minority
6. Mandated review and possibly stricter security vetting procedures
7. Begins process for enhancing State and local control over refugee placements;



# Immigration and Refugee Services – DACA/DAPA/Public Charge

## PUBLIC CHARGE

- Expands types of public assistance for which a person could be deported as a “public charge”
- Eliminates access to the CTC for mixed immigrant families
- Denies SSI benefits for undocumented workers who becomes citizens or legal residents
- Calls for reports on: foreign workers impact on SSI, long-term cost of refugee admission program and US birth-tourism





# Immigration and Refugee

## Catholic Charities USA Engagement:

- Stand in solidarity with Immigrant and Refugee families
- Active collaboration with partners at USCCB, CLINIC and other Catholic organizations
- Launch of \$8 million campaign to assist immigrant and refugee programs
- Action Alerts

*“We need to stay focused on our care for those who are frightened and vulnerable. The executive orders are having an impact not only on very frightened people seeking to come to our country and the refugees already here, but also on those serving them and trying to get them integrated into our communities.”*

- Sister Donna Markham, OP, PhD, president and CEO of CCUSA.

# Other Issues

## Conscience and Religious Liberty Protections

**Issue:** Draft religious liberty executive order and House “Better Way” proposal promises to permanently enact and expand Weldon Amendment and to enforce Hyde Amendment

## Criminal Justice Reform

**Issue:** Parties in both chambers continue to support an overhaul of the criminal justice system, especially a reduction in mandatory minimum prison sentences for minor drug crimes. However, will be difficult lift after a “tough on crime” campaign and congressional division on proposals.

## Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act

**Issue:** Program expires September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A bill (*Families First*) to reauthorize the program and change child protection and congregate care programs nearly passed last congress and has broad bipartisan support.

## Farm Bill/SNAP/Child Nutrition Reauthorization

**Issue:** The 2014 farm bill expires on Sept. 30, 2018 and hearings are beginning now. Child Nutrition Reauthorization likely to remain stalled.

# Engagement

## How can we make Catholic Charities' message stronger on Capitol Hill?

- ✓ Catholic Charities Hill Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Ongoing State Convening
- ✓ Stay connected with Social Policy team
- ✓ Take Action and share Action Alerts
- ✓ Sign-up for the [Washington Weekly](#)



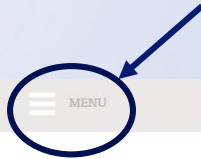
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## advocacy

“Parishes need to promote a revived sense of political responsibility calling Catholics to be informed and active citizens, participating in the debate over the values and vision that guide our communities and nation.”

- U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*

As Christ's disciples, we are all called to raise our voices in the public square, shining the light of our faith and values on public policies that impact those who are poor and vulnerable. This section points to information and tools we need to be informed citizens and active disciples.

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# faithful citizenship

## SECTIONS

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*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (also [en Español](#)), the statement of U.S. Catholic bishops on political responsibility, can help us form our consciences, contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue, and make political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to participate year-round. We can bring our Catholic faith to the public square by voting, contacting our elected officials, participating in diocesan or state Catholic conference initiatives and campaigns, working with community organizations, running for office, and working within political parties.

A number of resources are available to help us reflect on our political responsibility as Catholics and as citizens. Here are just few!

- [Summaries of Part 1 and Part 2 of \*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship\*](#)
- [Handouts on Conscience Formation](#) ([en Español](#)), [Civil Dialogue](#) ([en Español](#)), and [Contacting Your Elected Officials](#) ([en Español](#))
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## more ways to advocate

Here are more ways to put faith in action by raising your voice to advocate on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable.

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### JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Justice for Immigrants is a campaign of the U.S. Catholic bishops to educate the Catholic community and the public about Church teaching on migration and immigrants and to work for immigration reform that reflects the principles articulated by the bishops.

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### CATHOLIC CLIMATE COVENANT

The Catholic Climate Covenant calls Catholics to act on Catholic teaching on the environment. Find out what faith communities are doing across the country to address climate change and get involved.

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- Responding to the social needs of the communities we serve
- Shared commitment to grow in love with God and neighbor
- Building Relationships



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Catholic disciples on mission are called to put Two Feet of Love in Action! This foundational tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways we can put the Gospel in action in response to God's love: *social justice* (addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people) and *charitable works* (short-term, emergency assistance for individuals).

**Social Justice** "concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions" (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 201). We step with this foot when we work to address the *root causes* of problems facing our communities by advocating for just public policies and helping to change the social structures that contribute to suffering and injustice at home and around the world.

**Charitable Works** are our "response to immediate needs and specific situations: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for and healing the sick, visiting those in prison, etc." (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 31). We step with the Charitable Works foot when we work to aid or assist others both locally and globally to meet their immediate, short-term needs. Examples include engaging in direct service or providing food, clothing, shelter, or monetary assistance to help those in need.

**Learn more about the Two Feet using these resources!**

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- Pope Francis, Address during Visit at the Homeless Shelter "Dono Di Maria," 5/21/13

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# Case Study: Payday Lending Reform in Arlington, Texas



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# Background

- Efforts to regulate predatory lending at state level have failed
- 2013 Texas cities stepped up to regulate
- None in Tarrant County



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# Movement

- Grassroots efforts joined coalitions and established groups
- Summer 2015 Arlington City Council began discussing an ordinance
- State level groups came to support and connect resources
- Passed November 2015



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# What lead to success?

- Advocacy from the ground level to state
- Coalition building



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# What does that look like?

- Determine mission
- Identify goals
  - **SMART** (Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Timed ) goals
- Create strategy



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# Building and sustaining

- Not an overnight success
- Organizing the community





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## Identify key players and resources

- Partners in the community and field
- Multiple roles: who is the best fit for each
- Spokesperson from the community: Father Kelley
- The payday lending industry has millions of dollars in lobbying funds, we needed on the ground and tangible resources



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# Communicate effectively

- Hardest challenge
- An informed and cohesive message moves others



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# Educate and engage

- How are you getting your mission and goals across?
- Who is going to help you?
- Get in front and speak



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# Follow ups

- Follow up and next steps

# Parish Social Ministry and Legislative Advocacy

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# Questions and Answers

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# Announcements

1. Next webinar: PSM and Volunteer Management (date TBD)
2. E-mails:
  - Parish Social Ministry News and Notes
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# Closing Prayer

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us and guide us. Hear our prayers, and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

