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During Holy Week Trump Administration Ends Deferred Status for Liberians

“Once again, the faith community and Americans who have heard the news are disappointed in a decision by the Trump Administration to end Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberians living in the United States,” said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

“We have lost the shock and awe of such heartless decisions, but to come during Holy Week of all weeks displays a heartbreaking callousness. Jesus Christ walked his path of Passion and then was crucified for all, especially those on their own journeys and far away from home. We cannot forget that He was born while His family was on the run. I think that most Americans believe that their government should have more compassion,” said Couch.

Nearly 4,000 Liberians will now lose their safety status over this weekend and will be subject to possible deportation and lose their work authorization. Liberia suffered a terrible civil war and was still in the recovery process when Ebola struck. Liberians in the U.S. have received either DED or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) since 1991 through both republican and democrat presidents.

The National Advocacy Center was one of [over 600 faith organizations that wrote to President Trump asking him to extend DED](#). We now call on the President to rescind his decision and grant a DED extension, especially in this season of Easter.

[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.

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