



Bishop Pohlmeier Explains the Basis for the USCCB Lawsuit

The USCCB has filed a lawsuit challenging the federal government’s suspension of funding for refugee assistance programs. For decades, the Church has partnered with the government to help legally admitted refugees resettle in the U.S. The sudden loss of funding disrupts this mission and withholds payment for work already completed under federal agreements.

It’s important to distinguish refugees from those who enter the country unlawfully. Refugees are thoroughly vetted and granted legal status before arriving. The Church’s role has always been to assist those who have been lawfully admitted.

This lawsuit is about justice—ensuring the government honors its commitments so that faith-based organizations can continue serving those in need.

To read the full USCCB response, visit <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/usccb-files-lawsuit-unlawful-suspension-us-refugee-admissions-program>.

More immigration and refugee resources are available on the diocesan website, visit <https://dosafll.com/immigration/>.

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