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ACCUNET Issues Statement on Executive Order

130 Catholic college and university presidents sign on to show their support

Washington, DC—The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities released the following statement today:

As the voice of Catholic higher education, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities expresses its strong opposition to the Executive Order signed by President Donald J. Trump concerning U.S. immigration policy. We stand in solidarity with other Catholic and higher education organizations that recognize the moral obligation of our country to assist migrants, particularly those who are fleeing any kind of persecution.

In referring to the order's halt of refugee admissions, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, stated, "We believe that now more than ever, welcoming newcomers and refugees is an act of love and hope. ... We will work vigorously to ensure that refugees are humanely welcomed in collaboration with Catholic Charities, without sacrificing our security or our core values as Americans, and to ensure that families may be reunified with their loved ones." ([Read Bishop Vasquez's full statement online.](#))

[Pope Francis has said](#) that "authentic hospitality is our greatest security against hateful acts of terrorism." As ACCUNET gathers this weekend in Washington, DC to celebrate the value of diversity within Catholic higher education, we reaffirm the commitment of our institutions to creating inclusive, welcoming campus environments that embrace people of all faiths and cultures. Catholic higher education was founded precisely to serve the children of Catholic immigrants who in their own time were excluded from higher education. This is a legacy that we proudly pledge to continue.

Following release of the statement, Catholic college and university presidents in attendance at the association's [2017 Annual Meeting](#) expressed their desire to affirm the document. See the next page for the list of supporting presidents from both the United States and other countries; signatories continue to be added.

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