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El arzobispo conversó con los alumnos de Cristo Rey y bendijo el nuevo mural de la capilla

Por Daniel Meloy – reimpreso de Detroit Catholic

El 29 de enero, el Arzobispo Allen H. Vigneron visitó Cristo Rey High School en el suroeste de Detroit para celebrar la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas.

Durante su visita, bendijo un mural recién inaugurado en la capilla de la escuela, en el que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y su Hijo levantan los brazos para cubrir con su manto a varios santos de la Iglesia. El mural fue pintado por Jeremy Alexander, profesor de teología de Cristo Rey.

Luego, se dirigió al sótano del colegio, donde llevó a cabo una sesión improvisada de preguntas y respuestas con los alumnos sobre la importancia de los colegios católicos, el discernimiento vocacional y lo que significa ser cristiano en un mundo cada vez más secularizado.

El Arzobispo Vigneron explicó que el objetivo principal de Cristo Rey

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Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit fields questions from students. / El Arzobispo Allen H. Vigneron de Detroit participó en una sesión de preguntas y respuestas en el Cristo Rey High School. (Photo by Valaurian Waller | Detroit Catholic)

Archbishop fields questions from Cristo Rey students, blesses chapel mural

By Daniel Meloy – Reprinted from Detroit Catholic

Cristo Rey High School in southwest Detroit welcomed a special visitor — Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron — on Jan. 29 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and bless a mural in the school's chapel.

Archbishop Vigneron blessed the mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her Son raising their arms to cover various saints in the Church with her mantle, painted by Cristo Rey theology teacher Jeremy Alexander.

The archbishop blessed the chapel and mural before proceeding to the school basement, where he held an impromptu question-and-answer session with the students on the importance of Catholic schools, vocational discernment and what it means to give Christian witness in an increasingly secular world.

Archbishop Vigneron said the purpose of Cristo Rey High School, and all Catholic schools, is to prepare young people to take up the vocation God is calling them to fulfill.

"School is for a purpose," Archbishop

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SW Detroit businesses struggle as immigration anxieties keep people home

Some are adjusting with home delivery, might reduce staff

By Martina Guzmán/ Outlier Media

Drive down Springwells Street in Southwest Detroit, and you'll usually find a bustling main street dotted with dozens of Mexican and Latino-owned businesses. But on a recent weeknight, the barbershops, nail salons, restaurants, tiendas and bakeries — typically buzzing with life after long days of work and school — felt eerily empty.

Threats of aggressive immigration enforcement, a signature promise of President Donald Trump's administration, have cast a shadow over this predominately immigrant community. Many families are afraid to leave their homes, and businesses are struggling as customers disappear.

Sheila's Bakery is typically one of the busiest businesses on Springwells. Every morning and evening, Latinos line up to get pan dulce and freshly baked bolillo, a bread that is to Mexicans what French bread is to the French. The custom of going to the panadería is a deeply ingrained cultural tradition. But on this night, workers nearly outnumbered customers.

Standing by the cash register, manager Ivana Garcia shook her head. "Our clientele has decreased by 75% since all of this started. At this hour, we usually have about 50 customers waiting to pay. Tonight, we have about 10. Look around, it's empty," she said.

While there have been individual arrests, there's no evidence of widespread immigration raids in Detroit since Trump's inauguration on Jan. 20. But anxiety runs high in this tight-knit community as reports of increased immigration patrols and arrests spread like wildfire.

"People are really afraid," Garcia said.

Over the past week, she's watched more bread go unsold at the end of each night.

"About 20% of the bread is left over, and that's a loss," Garcia said. "The only way to avoid a loss is to bake less bread, but in producing less bread, we need fewer bakers."

Down the street, La Posada — a homestyle eatery where workers gather after long days of labor — also sits empty. The restaurant typically experiences a slowdown during the winter, when landscaping and cement work pause. Juan Romo, who helps run the family business, said this year's decline feels especially drastic.

"A large percentage of our regular customers are undocumented workers, and they're not coming near here due to fear," Romo said. "Right now, it's low season for everyone, but this has been a very hard blow."

Southwest Detroit is home to about 1,500 small businesses, according to the Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA). Latinos play a vital role in Michigan's economy, not only as entrepreneurs but also as a growing segment of the workforce. The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recognizes Latinos as one of the state's fastest-growing demographic groups, driving economic growth.

"A significant drop in customers could be devastating to a small business," said Laura Chavez, president of the SDBA. "Some of the local businesses are having to pivot to provide services to the community."



Some Southwest Detroit businesses said they've seen fewer customers since President Donald Trump's inauguration. Commercial corridors like West Vernor Highway have many Latino-owned businesses. Photo credit: Cydni Elledge/Outlier Media

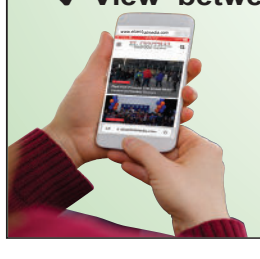
RediMed Pharmacy on West Vernor Highway is one of them. For the past week, Chavez said pharmacists have been filling prescriptions, but few customers have come to pick them up. Fear has kept people inside their homes, Chavez said, prompting the pharmacy to offer home delivery to ensure patients receive their medications.

At Express Barber Shop on Springwells, rows of empty chairs replaced the usual Friday night rush. Customers once eager for fresh haircuts before the weekend are now silent.

In the back, former barber Andres Garcia stopped by to check in on his colleagues and offer support.

"People are afraid to leave their houses, and it's understandable," Garcia said. "These arrests are tearing families apart."

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MANA de Metro Detroit Scholarship Program Launches

By the MANA de Metro Detroit Scholarship Committee

MANA de Metro Detroit (MANA) is the local chapter of MANA - A National Latina Organization. Its mission is to empower Latinas and create a better quality of life for all Latinos through education, leadership development, and advocacy. MANA also emphasizes personal empowerment, professional development, networking and community service.

With this mission in mind, MANA established its Scholarship Program in 1996 and has been providing scholarships to Latinas annually. As of 2024, MANA has awarded 164 scholarships to Latinas pursuing a post-secondary degree. The MANA Scholarship award can be used to augment a student's educational budget to cover costs such as tuition, books, transportation needs, supplies, and other school related expenses.

MANA is pleased to announce that the 2025 scholarship application process is now open and Latina/Hispanic high school seniors, college and/or trade students can apply online at MANA's website at www.manademetrodetroit.com.

For this 2025-2026 school year, MANA will award scholarships in six (6) different categories to qualified high school seniors and Latinas attending college or trade schools. Each scholarship award is in the amount of two-thousand ($2,000) dollars. The scholarships are combined in one application that is posted on the MANA website. Applicants that meet the requirements may apply for one or more scholarships, however they will only be awarded one scholarship.

The six scholarship categories are: MANA de Metro Detroit – General Scholarship designed to assist students in any field of study; Carmen Muñoz Entrepreneurship Scholarship to continue Carmen Muñoz' legacy of entrepreneurism and community engagement; Monica L. Martinez Leadership Scholarship to support students who want to follow Monica Martinez' footsteps in the fields of leadership and community engagement; Dr. Ellen Ochoa STEM Scholarship to support Latinas seeking to follow Dr. Ochoa's passion for the sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics; Gloria Rosas Teacher Education Scholarship to support students in the field of teacher education and increase the number of Bilingual & ESL teachers; the Eva Garza Dewaelsche Community Service Scholarship to support Latinas seeking a degree or professional certificate in the fields of Social Science, Social Work, Community Organizing, or Urban Planning, or a professional certificate from a vocational school, training center or leadership program.

Who is eligible to apply for these scholarships? Latina/Hispanic women who are seeking a college degree or vocational education and training and who are residents of Detroit and communities in the Metro Detroit Area. High school seniors or individuals with a GED, students who are currently enrolled in college or post-secondary vocational school, and students who would like to renew their MANA scholarship are eligible to apply.

Please visit the MANA of Metro Detroit website at www.manademetrodetroit.com to get information about each scholarship and to complete the application online. The deadline for returning all applications electronically is April 16, 2025.

MANA scholarships are made possible by the generous donations from our individual and community donors as well as our sponsors. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support Latinas from our community and to give them the opportunity to achieve their educational goals. Your donation will increase the number of scholarships that MANA de Metro Detroit provides our Latinas.



2024 General Scholarship Recipients *in no particular order: Adilem Hernandez, Alejandra Padilla-Miguel, Angela Llanas, Arely Aguirre-Pacheco, Citlalli Marisol Cervantes-Alvarado, Deysi Joven Gonzalez, Isabel Lopez, Yoana Arreaga-Bartolon. Valentina Del Valle Martinez (not pictured);* ***Carmen Muñoz Entrepreneurship Scholarship****: Alexandra Velasco-Cruz;* ***Monica L. Martinez Leadership Scholarship****: Elizabeth Amezcua-Tepehua and Yaritza Campos;* ***Dr. Ellen Ochoa STEM Scholarship****: Paola Garza;* ***Gloria Rosas Teacher Education Scholarship****: Alondra Cruz Almestica (not pictured) and Jenifer Rizo-Perez (not pictured).*



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FIRST IN A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS OF DETROIT MAYORAL CANDIDATES 2025
LA PRIMERA DE UNA SERIE DE ENTREVISTAS DE CANDIDATOS A LA ALCALDÍA DE DETROIT 2025

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Entrevista a Mary Sheffield en su campaña electoral para alcaldesa de Detroit

Por Annalise Frank | Axios | Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Si es elegida alcaldesa, la presidenta del Concejo de Detroit, Mary Sheffield, quiere reducir los impuestos a la propiedad de los residentes y al mismo tiempo aboga por un nuevo impuesto al entretenimiento.

Noticias: Esta es la primera de nuestra serie de entrevistas que exploran las prioridades políticas de los candidatos a la alcaldía.

- Todavía es prematuro en las elecciones para poder reemplazar al alcalde Mike Duggan, quien lleva tres mandatos. La carrera no partidista tiene sus primarias en agosto y las elecciones generales en noviembre.

Historia: Sheffield, creció en el lado oeste, es hija del pastor y activista Reverendo Horace Sheffield III y nieta del líder de los derechos civiles Horace Sheffield Jr.

- En 2013, a los 26 años, fue la más joven elegida como miembro del Concejo Municipal de Detroit y se convirtió en la presidenta del concejo más joven en 2022.

Lo que dijo sobre los objetivos de políticas clave en torno al desarrollo del vecindario, la seguridad pública y el éxito financiero en su conversación con Axios Detroit.

- **La presidenta del Concejo** quiere aprovechar su trabajo en la legislación local, centrándose en el acceso y las oportunidades para todos los habitantes de Detroit.
- **Primero,** la revitalización y el empoderamiento del vecindario: invertir en áreas fuera del centro para lograr seguridad, vitalidad, transitabilidad y corredores comerciales más completos. Esto es esencial para el crecimiento de la población, dice.
- **A continuación**, construir la clase media, viviendas asequibles y generar riqueza. Además de convocar a las partes interesadas para crear "múltiples herramientas" para abordar los altos impuestos a la propiedad, Sheffield compartió que está considerando utilizar más recursos de la ciudad para ayudar a los exresidentes que desean retornar, así como exigir capacitación y contratación a los residentes de Detroit para los contratos de la ciudad.
  - "Una cosa es promocionar los empleos y decir que los habitantes de Detroit tienen empleo, pero queremos empleo de calidad que permita a las personas mantener a sus familias".



Detroit Council President Mary Sheffield announced her candidacy for mayor on December 10, 2024 surrounded by family, friends and supporters.

La presidenta del Concejo de Detroit, Mary Sheffield, anunció su candidatura a la alcaldía el 10 de diciembre de 2024, rodeada de familiares, amigos y partidarios.

  - Para compensar en parte la reducción de los impuestos a la propiedad, pretende aumentar los impuestos a los hoteles y crear un impuesto al entretenimiento para los eventos del centro con entradas.
  - Sheffield también señaló que las viviendas designadas como "asequibles" a menudo siguen siendo demasiado caras y que la ciudad necesita incentivar a los desarrolladores que construyen unidades destinadas a los ingresos más bajos.
- En el ámbito de la **seguridad pública**, "Soy muy partidaria de los programas de intervención en casos de violencia comunitaria y posiblemente de la creación de una oficina de prevención de la violencia con armas de fuego en Detroit. Crear más formas de abordar los problemas sociales subyacentes que generan delincuencia en nuestra comunidad".

A medida que se agotan los fondos federales de rescate de Detroit por el COVID-19 (deben gastarse antes de fines de 2026), el Concejo y el alcalde analizarán qué programas continuar y cómo priorizar el presupuesto.

- Sheffield se muestra optimista sobre la posibilidad de conseguir otros fondos, ya sean estatales, federales o filantrópicos.



- En referencia a la administración Trump, dijo: "Sigo siendo optimista y estoy dispuesta y lista para trabajar con quien esté en el cargo para beneficiar a los habitantes de Detroit. Tiene que haber algún punto en común que beneficie a Detroit".

Un gran tema de la campaña para alcalde será las grandes empresas y la comunidad: equilibrar los diversos intereses y necesidades de quienes afectan y se ven afectados por el panorama aún en evolución de Detroit después de la recesión.

- De acuerdo con Sheffield: "Se trata de comunicación. Se trata de entender que las empresas necesitan a la comunidad y la comunidad necesita a las empresas. Y cuando hay transparencia, cuando hay respeto mutuo, honestidad en estas discusiones, para mí siempre resultaron mucho más productivas. Por eso es importante tener a alguien que lidere la ciudad y que tenga una perspectiva sana y equilibrada tanto para las empresas como para la comunidad... Creo que todos queremos el crecimiento continuo de Detroit... No tenemos que trabajar de forma cuadrada".

En resumen: Cuando se le preguntó sobre una cualidad que aporta y que la hace única entre los demás candidatos, Sheffield dijo:

- "Creo que aporto equilibrio en el respeto mutuo por parte de la comunidad y soy capaz de tender un puente entre las empresas y la comunidad. Creo que estoy en una posición única para poder hacerlo. Ser capaz de construir puentes, alguien que pueda unir a ambos, es extremadamente importante a medida que avanzamos en Detroit".

Detroit Mayor's Race Sit-down: Mary Sheffield

By Annalise Frank | Axios | Reprinted with permission

If elected mayor, Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield says she wants to lower residents' property taxes while advocating for a new entertainment tax.

Driving the news: This is the first in our series of interviews exploring mayoral candidates' policy priorities.

- It's still early in the race to replace three-term mayor Mike Duggan. The nonpartisan race has its primary in August and general election in November.

Flashback: Sheffield, who grew up on the west side, is the daughter of pastor and activist the Rev. Horace Sheffield III and granddaughter of civil rights leader Horace Sheffield Jr.

- In 2013, at age 26, she was the youngest ever elected as a Detroit City Council member and became the youngest council president in 2022.

Here's what Sheffield had to say about key policy goals around neighborhood development, public safety and financial success in her conversation with Axios Detroit.

- The council president wants to build on her work in local legislating, focusing on access and opportunity for all Detroiters.
- First, neighborhood revitalization and empowerment — investing in areas outside downtown for safety, vibrancy, walkability and fuller retail corridors. This is essential for population growth, she says.
- Next, building the middle class, affordable housing and generating wealth. In addition to convening stakeholders to create "multiple tools" to address high property taxes, Sheffield says she's looking at using more city resources to help returning citizens, as well as requiring training and hiring of Detroiters for city contracts.
  - "It's one thing to tout jobs and say Detroiters are employed, but we want quality employment that allows for people to sustain their families."
  - To partly offset reducing property taxes, she aims to increase hotel taxes and create an entertainment tax on ticketed downtown events.
  - Sheffield also pointed out that designated "affordable" housing is often still too expensive, and that the city needs to incentivize developers who build lower-income-targeted units.
- **In the realm** of public safety, "I'm very big on community violence intervention programs, and possibly creating an office of gun violence prevention in Detroit. Creating more ways to address the underlying social issues that breed crime in our community.»

As Detroit's federal COVID-19 rescue funds run out — they must be spent by the end of 2026 — City Council and the mayor will be looking at which programs to continue and how to prioritize the budget.

- Sheffield is optimistic about securing other funding, be it state, federal or philanthropic.
- Referring to the Trump administration, she said, "I remain optimistic, and I am willing and ready to work with whomever is in office to benefit Detroiters. There has to be some common ground here that will benefit Detroit."

A huge theme of the mayor's race is going to be big business and community — balancing the varied interests and needs of those affecting and affected by Detroit's still-evolving landscape post-bankruptcy.

- Sheffield said: "It's about communication. It's about understanding that business needs community and community needs business. And when there is transparency, when there is mutual respect, honesty in these discussions, to me they always turned out to be way more productive. So having someone who's leading the city who has a healthy and equal balance in perspective for both business and community is important ... I think we all want the continued growth of Detroit ... We do not have to operate in silos."

The bottom line: Asked about a quality she brings to the table that makes her unique from the other candidates, Sheffield said:

- "I think I bring an equal balance of a mutual respect from community, and being able to bridge that divide that I do believe exists between business and community. I think I am uniquely positioned to be able to do that. Being able to be a bridge builder, someone who can bring the two together, is extremely important as we move Detroit forward."

City of Detroit and Partners Launch Campaign to help Detroiters Claim Millions in Tax Credits

The City of Detroit and a coalition of community partners announced this year's push to encourage all Detroiters to access every dollar of federal and state tax credits by scheduling an appointment for no-cost expert tax preparation. Through last year's coordinated outreach in the City of Detroit, thousands of Detroit families were able to take advantage of the Earned Income and Child Tax Credit, bringing millions into their homes.
This year, even more money is available in state credits thanks to new legislation passed in 2023 which increased the Michigan EITC five-fold.

Mayor Duggan was joined by United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Accounting Aid Society, and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency as they kicked off the 2025 income tax season and outlined efforts to urge residents to claim their credits.

"Wealthy people tend to be the ones who get most of the tax breaks. But the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit are the tax breaks for thousands of working Detroiters." said Mayor Duggan. "By simply claiming these credits on their tax returns, they could be getting thousands of their own dollars back from the federal government. I encourage everyone who may be eligible to come in for free tax assistance."

As a result of the coalition's work in 2024, Detroiters claimed more than $450 million in EITC refunds alone for tax year 2023, plus many millions more in Child Tax Credits. Prior to 2017, EITC-eligible Detroiters left an estimated $80 million of potential tax refunds unclaimed each year.

There are several cash payments available to Detroit families, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, but you've got to file your taxes to claim these credits. Even if you don't typically file your taxes or didn't earn much in 2024, you may qualify for these payments.

Residents can call 2-1-1 or visit getthetaxfacts.org to learn more and schedule an appointment.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – Who is eligible?

Created in 1975, the EITC turns 50 this year! For 50 years, it has been providing much-needed extra cash to hard-working families. The EITC is available to working families and individuals who meet certain income requirements. There are actually two EITC credits – a main credit when you file your federal tax return, and an additional credit when you file your state of Michigan tax return. This year is the second year of new state legislation in which the Michigan credit is worth 5 times what it used to be. That means more money in Detroiters' pockets.

If you worked at all in 2024, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. The Earned Income Tax Credit provides extra income to workers with low to moderate incomes, up to $67,000. The amount of the refund depends on income, filing status, and number of qualifying children claimed on tax returns. For example, a single individual with no children who works and makes less than $18,591 could get back as much as $822. A married couple with three or more children who files a joint return, with a combined income of less than $66,819 could receive the maximum EITC of $10,179 between the federal and state credits.

Adults and children must have a Social Security Number to apply for the EITC.

MICHIGAN EITC – 5-fold Increase

The Michigan EITC uses the same eligibility criteria as the federal EITC. The amount of the Michigan credit is calculated as a percentage of the amount the family or individual receives from the federal EITC. Previously, the Michigan EITC was calculated as 6% of the federal EITC. For example, if a family qualified for a $3,000 federal EITC refund, they received an additional $180 ($3,000 x 6%) from the state of Michigan when filing their state taxes.

Under the new law, now in its second year of implementation, the Michigan credit was increased to 30% of the federal credit. In the same example, a family qualifying for a $3,000 federal EITC refund will now receive an additional $900 ($3,000 x 30%) from the state of Michigan.

CHILD TAX CREDIT – Who is eligible?

- The Child Tax Credit provides $1,500-2,000 per child for qualifying families.



Tax preparation professionals at the Accounting Aid Society and Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency are available by appointment to help eligible residents claim federal and state tax credits they might otherwise miss

- Children under age 17 living in your home.
- Earned at least $2,500 from working in 2024.
- Children must have a valid Social Security Number (adults may have an ITIN).
- If you are the child's primary caregiver, you are likely eligible. You don't need to be the child's biological parent to qualify.

EXPERT TAX PREP AVAILABLE AT NO COST:

All residents with income less than $67,000 qualify for an expert tax preparation appointment at no cost to them. For the 2025 tax season, Accounting Aid Society and Wayne Metro will offer primarily in-person tax prep services. Drop-and-go and all-virtual appointments will also still be available.

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), we recognize its profound impact on hardworking families across Detroit. The EITC is a vital tool in lifting families out of poverty, and with Michigan's 30% state match, it offers an even greater opportunity to create financial stability and opportunity," said Priscilla Perkins, President and CEO of Accounting Aid Society. "We are grateful for the steadfast support of the Mayor's Office in helping us provide no-cost tax filing services to ensure that every eligible family claims the credits they deserve. Together, we are building a stronger Detroit, one family at a time."

Thousands of Detroiters have scheduled their appointments for tax help by calling 2-1-1 or going online at www.GetTheTaxFacts.org – you can too!

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# of qualifying children	single or head of household	married filing jointly	maximum credit amount
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NALAC Announces National Latinx/é Arts & Culture Survey

The survey will gather information about arts and culture organizations founded, led by, and serving Latinx/é people across the United States and Puerto Rico.

SAN ANTONIO – The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC) is excited to announce the launch of the National Latinx/é Arts & Culture Survey. The survey is conducted in partnership with NORC at the University of Chicago with support from the Wallace Foundation.

"The survey is the next phase of NALAC's research in support of Latinx/é artists and organizations," said NALAC Manager of Research Lucila Lagace. "Through the survey, we can gather more inclusive data about the contributions of thousands of Latinx/é artists and organizations in the U.S. who often remain unknown and underrepresented in the U.S. cultural sector."

The survey will expand on NALAC's 2019 National Assessment of the Latinx Arts Field, which focused on creating a comprehensive inventory, detailed profile, and assessment of existing organizational statistics and data and is aimed at surveying a broader and more representative sample of Latinx/é arts and culture organizations.

Based on survey findings, NALAC will develop resources, including an interactive digital toolkit intended to assist arts and cultural organizations in their advocacy efforts. Survey participation and responses will inform these resources and help ensure they meet the needs of arts and culture organizations and provide better data to funders and decision-makers, as well as boost local, regional, and national advocacy efforts to ensure the arts and culture sector is equitably resourced and well-funded across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The survey is now open and will close in April 2025. Latinx/é arts and culture organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico are encouraged to register to participate in the survey.

Learn more about NALAC's National Latinx/é Arts & Culture Survey and preview a pdf of the survey by visiting https://www.norc.org/content/dam/no-search/2024-nalac-questionnaire.pdf

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About NALAC

The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC) is the nation's premier nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to the promotion, advancement, development, and cultivation of the Latino arts field. For more information about NALAC and its programs, please visit www.nalac.org.

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LULAC Says Trump Administration's Freeze of Federal Funds and Grants Comes with a High Human Toll

Nation's Oldest and Largest Latino Civil Rights Organization Calls the Pause in Critical Federal Monies Harsh and Targets Those Most in Need

Washington, DC – The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) expressed grave concern and dismay following the Trump Administration's announcement of a federal funding and grants freeze, which will be decided by the courts. This decision, framed as an ideological review of spending to align with executive orders, jeopardizes critical lifeline programs that millions of Americans rely on for health care, education, and social services.

"LULAC calls upon President Trump and his administration to reconsider the human impact of pausing lifeline funds to programs that affect millions of Americans who depend on them," says Roman Palomares, LULAC National President and Chairman of the Board. "Safety net programs across our country rely on these critical monies to deliver health care, education, and a wide range of other social services that directly impact their quality of life. This is no longer just about the Latino community but about those who are living on the least amount of money and need our help the most."

The White House claims the freeze is intended to ensure compliance with executive orders designed to roll back measures on transgender rights, environmental justice, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. Although administration officials have stated that federal assistance to individuals—such as Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, and student loans—will not be affected, the sweeping pause on grants and loans could still disrupt trillions of dollars in funding. This includes programs for healthcare research, educational initiatives, and even grants that have already been awarded but remain unspent.

"LULAC is doing a deeper analysis along with other policy experts on the consequences of this latest action by the White House," says Palomares. "We are keeping our members, community allies, and stakeholders informed and will continue to provide informational support and refer them to alternative sources of assistance as we learn more. We will survive and prevail," he says.

LULAC warns that the freeze could have a particularly devastating impact on underserved communities, including Latinos and other vulnerable populations, who depend on these programs to access essential services. This unprecedented disruption risks widening the gap for millions of Americans already struggling to make ends meet.



About LULAC

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization. Founded in 1929, LULAC is committed to advancing the rights and opportunities of Latino Americans through advocacy, community building, and education. With a growing network of councils nationwide, LULAC remains steadfast in its mission to protect and empower millions of Latinos, contributing daily to America's prosperity. For more information about LULAC and its initiatives, please visit www.LULAC.org.

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¿Cómo debe la Iglesia Católica afrontar las deportaciones masivas?

Por Michael Sean Winters - publicado por primera vez por National Catholic Reporter

¿Qué pueden y deben hacer los católicos para resistir los intentos de "deportación masiva" del presidente Donald Trump? La respuesta es doble: debemos tomar medidas prácticas para proteger a los migrantes y debemos predicar de manera creativa lo que enseña la Iglesia.

Los obispos deben asegurarse de que los líderes y el personal de cada parroquia, escuela, hospital y agencia caritativa católica hayan recibido información sobre qué hacer si los agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) realizan una redada. Esos líderes deben asegurarse de que todos los miembros del personal sepan qué hacer y, lo que es igual de importante, qué no hacer.

Los edificios católicos son propiedad privada y el gobierno no puede ingresar a ellos sin una orden judicial. Se debe exigir una orden judicial, no administrativa, antes de permitir el acceso. Si los agentes del gobierno tienen una orden para arrestar a alguien, se le debe pedir a esa persona que se entregue, lo que podría evitar una redada en todo el edificio y la captura de personas que no están en la lista de la orden. Si los agentes del ICE u otros funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley comienzan una búsqueda, todos deben entregarles una " tarjeta roja " que puede ayudar a un migrante a hacer valer sus derechos ante los funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley sin ofrecer ninguna información comprometedora.

Los obispos también necesitan hablar por teléfono. Los miembros republicanos del Congreso y los funcionarios locales y estatales necesitan escuchar de los electorados clave que estas deportaciones masivas los están perjudicando. La mayoría de los obispos tienen gente adinerada en sus juntas financieras y algunos de esos ricos son donantes republicanos. Pídales que llamen a los funcionarios a cuyas campañas donaron dinero y hablen en nombre de los inmigrantes.

Si usted está en un estado azul y los miembros del Congreso son demócratas, pídale a los empresarios de tendencia republicana que se comuniquen con la Cámara de Comercio, la Asociación Nacional de Restaurantes u otras asociaciones empresariales que donan al Partido Republicano y les expresen nuestras preocupaciones católicas.

Los sacerdotes pueden ayudar a organizar sus parroquias en los términos que hemos esbozado, pero también pueden utilizar sus púlpitos para predicar sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. No hay razón para hacerlo personal. El púlpito nunca es un lugar para atacar a nadie de manera partidista. Los predicadores que aborden este tema siempre deben afirmar que las enseñanzas de la Iglesia reconocen el derecho de una nación a regular la migración, y que ambas partes son culpables del hecho de que nuestro sistema de inmigración esté roto. La cuestión es cómo arreglarlo de maneras que sean fieles a los compromisos fundamentales de nuestra Iglesia Católica con la dignidad humana, la solidaridad, el bien común y la subsidiariedad.



Dependiendo de la parroquia, muchos sacerdotes también pueden usar el púlpito para dar una pequeña lección de historia local. Si voy a la misa de vigilia, es en la iglesia de San José , construida por trabajadores inmigrantes irlandeses después de la Guerra Civil. Si voy el domingo por la mañana, suelo asistir a la iglesia de Santa María, situada a unos 300 metros de San José. Fue construida por trabajadores inmigrantes franceses en la primera década del siglo XX.

Una tercera iglesia completa la parroquia, Sagrada Corazón, consagrada en los años 70. Curiosamente, sólo la Sagrada Corazón no fue construida por personas que todavía no eran ciudadanos. La comunidad latina de nuestra zona era mayoritariamente puertorriqueña en los años 70 y los puertorriqueños ya son ciudadanos estadounidenses. Estoy seguro de que otras iglesias en otras ciudades cuentan historias similares.

"¿Cuántos de ustedes han recibido una multa de estacionamiento por olvidarse de cargar el parquímetro?" Así es como comenzaría un sermón el próximo domingo. Estar en los Estados Unidos sin la documentación adecuada es una infracción civil, no penal, al igual que una multa de estacionamiento. Si nos atrapan, pagamos una multa, ¡pero no nos deportan! Ni nos arrojan a un centro de detención.

Lo más importante que debe lograr la predicación en las próximas semanas es dejar en claro quiénes son los que son castigados en estas redadas. Cuando el "zar de la frontera" Tom Homan o el vicepresidente JD Vance dan una entrevista, siempre se centran en la amenaza que representan los "criminales violentos". Pero, cuando se les presiona sobre el hecho de que estas redadas también se extienden a personas que no han cometido ningún delito violento, se escudan en el hecho de que estar en el país sin la documentación adecuada es en sí mismo contra la ley. Eso es cierto. Pero el castigo de la deportación es desproporcionado a la violación.

Trump, Vance y Homan quieren que todos los estadounidenses piensen en el inmigrante venezolano que asesinó a Laken Riley cuando pensamos en los

Guest Opinion:

How should the Catholic Church confront mass deportations?

by Michael Sean Winters
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What can and should Catholics be doing to resist President Donald Trump's "mass deportation" efforts? The answer is twofold: We should take practical steps to protect migrants and we should creatively preach what the church teaches.

Bishops need to make sure that leaders and staff at every Catholic parish, every Catholic school, every Catholic hospital and every Catholic charitable agency have been briefed on what to do if there is a raid by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers. Those leaders need to make sure every staff member knows what to do and, just as importantly, what not to do.

Catholic buildings are private property and the government is not allowed on them without a warrant. A judicial warrant, not an administrative one, should be demanded before granting access. If the government agents have a warrant to arrest someone, that someone should be asked to turn themselves in, which could prevent a raid of the entire building and round-up of people who are not listed on the warrant. If ICE agents or other law enforcement officials commence a search, everyone should hand them a "red card" or tarjetas rojas which can help a migrant assert his or her rights to law enforcement officials without offering any compromising information.

Bishops also need to work the phones. Republican members of Congress and local and state officials need to hear from key constituencies that these mass deportations are harming them. Most bishops have wealthy people on their finance boards and some of those rich folk are Republican donors. Ask them to call office holders whose campaigns they donated money to and speak up on behalf of migrants.

If you are in a blue state, and the members of Congress are Democrats, ask the Republican-leaning business people to contact the Chamber of Commerce, or the National Restaurant Association, or other business associations that donate to the Republican Party and voice our Catholic concerns to them.

Priests can help organize their parishes along the lines outlined above, but they can also use their pulpits to preach about the church's teaching. There is no reason to make it personal. The pulpit is never a place to attack anyone in a partisan way. Preachers addressing this topic should always state that church teaching acknowledges the right of a nation to regulate migration, and that both parties are to blame for the fact that our immigration system is broken. The question is how to fix it in ways that are true to our Catholic Church's bedrock commitments to human dignity, solidarity, the common good and subsidiarity.



Depending on the parish, a lot of priests can also use the pulpit for a little local history lesson. If I go to the vigil Mass, it is at St. Joseph's Church, built by Irish migrant workers after the Civil War. If I go on Sunday morning, I usually attend St. Mary's Church, located about 300 yards from St. Joseph's. It was built by French migrant workers in the first decade of the 20th century.

A third church completes the parish, Sagrada Corazon, consecrated in the 1970s. Interestingly, only Sagrada Corazon was not built by people who were not yet citizens. The Latino community in our area was mostly Puerto Rican in the 1970s and Puerto Ricans are already U.S. citizens. I am sure other churches in other cities tell similar tales.

"How many of you have gotten a parking ticket because you forgot to feed the meter?" That is how I would begin a sermon this coming Sunday. Being in the U.S. without proper documentation is a civil, not a criminal, violation, just like a parking ticket. If we get caught, we pay a fine, but we don't get deported! Or thrown into a detention center.

The most important thing preaching must accomplish in the next few weeks is to make clear who is being punished in these raids. When "border czar" Tom Homan or Vice President JD Vance give an interview, they always dwell on the threat posed by "violent criminals." But, when they are pressed on the fact that these raids also extend to people who have not committed any violent crime, they fall back on the fact that being in the country without proper documentation is itself against the law. That's true. But the punishment of deportation is incommensurate to the violation.

Trump, Vance and Homan want all Americans to think of the Venezuelan immigrant who murdered Laken Riley when we think of migrants. The symbolism of Trump signing the Laken Riley Act as the first piece of legislation passed during his second term was powerful.

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inmigrantes. El simbolismo de que Trump firmara la Ley Laken Riley como la primera pieza legislativa aprobada durante su segundo mandato fue poderoso. Es necesario recordar a los que están en las bancas de las iglesias que todos los grupos de personas, incluidos los inmigrantes, tienen su cuota de manzanas podridas, pero que la mayoría de los inmigrantes indocumentados están ocupados haciendo los trabajos que nadie más quiere hacer: recoger fresas, trabajar en una planta empacadora de carne, lavar platos en un restaurante, hacer jardinería. Los inmigrantes hacen los trabajos agotadores. Son nuestros vecinos. Son padres con hijos en nuestras escuelas. Están en las bancas de las iglesias junto a nosotros.

¿Y los laicos? Como señalé el otro día, la Red Católica de Inmigración Legal está sobrecargada y la Ley Laken Riley sólo hace que su trabajo sea más difícil. Los católicos pueden enviar dinero a CLINIC o pedirle a su sacerdote que realice una segunda colecta. Los católicos también pueden apoyar a Catholic Charities en su trabajo con los inmigrantes. Y, si usted es un padre con un niño en una escuela católica, pregúntele al director si hay un estudiante cuyos padres no tengan sus papeles y, por lo tanto, no deberían caminar o llevar a su hijo a la escuela. El ICE puede recoger a personas en la calle, y llevar y traer a un niño de la escuela puede ser de enorme ayuda.

"Sed prudentes como serpientes y sencillos como palomas", dijo Jesús a sus discípulos (Mt 10,16). Muchos amigos quieren ser "proféticos" y denunciar a la administración Trump. Hay un momento y un lugar para eso, pero ahora es el momento de ser efectivos, no performativos. La Iglesia católica en todos los niveles debe hacer lo que pueda para proteger a los migrantes y replantear el debate público humanizando a las víctimas inocentes de estas redadas indiscriminadas.

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Una nota pastoral de los obispos católicos de Michigan a los migrantes

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Nosotros, los obispos católicos romanos de Michigan, escribimos para ofrecer nuestro continuo apoyo pastoral y de oración a las personas y familias migrantes que a través del tiempo han entrado en el país y hoy se ganan la vida en este estado. Nuestra cercanía fraterna a ustedes y a otros inmigrantes, refugiados y solicitantes de asilo humanitario tiene sus raíces en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, donde encontramos *"Tuve sed, y me dieron de beber; era forastero, y me acogieron... Cuanto hicieron a uno de estos hermanos míos más pequeños, a mí me lo hicieron"* (Mateo 25:35,40).

Escuchamos y empatizamos con las familias de todo el estado que expresan ansiedad y temor ante deportaciones masivas y una retórica dañina que degrada ampliamente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes. Como pastores de nuestros rebaños, nos comprometemos, en medio de esta incertidumbre, a promover, a través de la Conferencia Católica de Michigan y en nuestras respectivas diócesis, un apoyo y un respeto inquebrantables por la dignidad humana de todas las personas migrantes que se encuentran entre nosotros.

Instamos a nuestros funcionarios electos a apoyar políticas que mantengan a las familias inmigrantes e indocumentadas seguras y unidas y a proteger a quienes llegaron siendo niños. Hacemos un llamado a la delegación del Congreso de Michigan para que trabaje por un sistema de inmigración humano que acoja a refugiados e inmigrantes proporcionándoles un camino justo hacia la ciudadanía; un sistema que también mantenga las fronteras seguras y a salvo de la actividad criminal, incluyendo el tráfico de personas y el contrabando de drogas ilegales.

Conscientes de las duras condiciones con las que muchos viajan, a menudo con niños, pasando por grandes dificultades y desesperación, les animamos a ustedes, nuestros hermanos y hermanas migrantes, a que se fortalezcan con las palabras de nuestro Señor: *"Les dejo la paz, mi paz les doy ... No se turbe su corazón ni se acobarde"* (Juan 14:27). No dejen nunca de mantener su fe y esperanza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que promete un reino divino que nos esforzamos por heredar y que juntos llamamos nuestro verdadero hogar.

Con abundante amor y confianza, pedimos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que escuche los lamentos de los que sufren y les ofrezca su maternal compasión y protección a todos los que buscan su santa intercesión.

En Cristo,

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Arzobispo de Detroit

Rvdmo. Earl Boyea
Obispo de Lansing

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Obispo de Grand Rapids

Rvdmo. Jeffrey J. Walsh
Obispo de Gaylord

People in the pews need to be reminded that every group of people, including migrants, has its share of bad apples, but that most undocumented migrants are busy doing the jobs no one else wants to do: picking strawberries, working a meat packing plant, washing dishes in a restaurant, landscaping. Migrants do the backbreaking jobs. They are our neighbors. They are parents with children in our schools. They are in the pews next to us.

As for laity? As I noted the other day, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network is overstretched and the Laken Riley Act only makes their job harder. Catholics can send CLINIC some money or ask their priest to conduct a second collection. Catholics can also support Catholic Charities in its work with migrants. And, if you are a parent with a kid in a Catholic school, ask the principal if there is a student whose parents may not have their papers and, so, shouldn›t be walking or driving their kid to school. ICE can pick people up off the street, and bringing a child to and from school might be an enormous help.

"Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves," Jesus told his disciples (Mt 10:16). A lot of friends want to be "prophetic" and denounce the Trump administration. There is a time and a place for that, but now is a time to be effective not performative. The Catholic Church at every level should do what it can to protect migrants and to reframe the public conversation by humanizing the innocent victims of these indiscriminate raids.

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A Pastoral Note to Migrants from the Catholic Bishops in Michigan

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Roman Catholic Bishops in Michigan, write to offer our continued pastoral and prayerful support for migrant individuals and families who over the course of time have entered the country and today are making a living in this state. Our fraternal closeness to you and other immigrants, refugees, and those seeking humanitarian asylum is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where we find *"I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me… Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Matthew 25:35,40).

We hear and empathize with families across the state who express anxiety and fear over mass deportations and harmful rhetoric that broadly demeans our immigrant brothers and sisters. As shepherds of our flocks, we pledge amid such uncertainty to promote through the Michigan Catholic Conference and in our respective dioceses unyielding support and respect for the human dignity of all migrant people in our midst.

We urge our elected officials to support policies that keep immigrant and undocumented families safe and united, and to protect those who arrived as children. We call on the Michigan congressional delegation to work for a humane immigration system that welcomes refugees and immigrants by providing a fair pathway to citizenship; one that also keeps borders safe and secure from criminal activity, including human trafficking and the smuggling of illegal drugs.

Mindful of the dire conditions from which many travel, oftentimes with children through great difficulty and despair, we encourage you, our migrant brothers and sisters, to be strengthened by our Lord's words *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you… Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid"* (John 14:27). Never fail to keep your faith and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, who promises a divine kingdom that we strive to inherit and together call our true home.

With abundant love and trust, we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to hear the cries of the suffering and offer to her maternal compassion and protection all who seek her heavenly intercession.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

Most Rev. Earl Boyea
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El arzobispo visita Cristo Rey

Según el director de un colegio secundario del suroeste de Detroit, la visita del Arzobispo Vigneron con motivo de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas "fue muy significativa" para los alumnos



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High School, y de todas las escuelas católicas, es preparar a los jóvenes para que sigan la vocación que Dios tiene para ellos.

"La escuela tiene un propósito", dijo el Arzobispo Vigneron. "No vinieron aquí simplemente para pasar el tiempo, sino para algo mucho más grande. No fueron a la guardería simplemente para quedarse allí; lo hicieron para pasar a primer grado y así sucesivamente. Esto no es un fin en sí mismo".

Ante la pregunta de un estudiante sobre cómo las escuelas católicas pueden ayudar a los alumnos a progresar en su camino, el arzobispo hizo una analogía con la repostería.

"Hace poco leí lo siguiente: lo que importa es la levadura, no el glaseado", dijo. "La levadura es lo que se pone en la masa y afecta todo lo que sucede. El glaseado es solo una capa que se añade a la masa. La levadura en nuestra escuela representa comprender lo que significa ser un ser humano, y lo que somos en la vida".



El Arzobispo Vigneron pidió a los alumnos que levantaran la mano si pensaban ir a la universidad, servir en el ejército o buscar trabajo. El arzobispo dijo que las clases de literatura, geometría y química les ayudarán en el futuro.

"Pero el objetivo principal de Cristo Rey, la razón de su existencia, es preparar a los alumnos para seguir sus vocaciones".

"Como católicos debeos comprender que todos estamos llamados a una vocación", dijo el Arzobispo Vigneron. "Para la mayoría de ustedes, su verdadera vocación en la vida tiene que ver con las familias que formarán. Para otros, es ser sacerdote, o hermano o hermana. Pero para todos nosotros, la verdadera vocación es llegar a ser santos".

Durante la sesión de preguntas y respuestas, los alumnos de Cristo Rey plantearon al arzobispo diversas cuestiones: cómo es su agenda diaria, cómo afronta los retos como arzobispo y su consejo para los jóvenes que enfrentan el desafío de mantener su fe en un mundo secularizado.

Los alumnos del Cristo Rey's Stranger No Longer Circle of Support, un grupo estudiantil que apoya los derechos de los inmigrantes, leyeron en voz alta una carta del grupo al arzobispo, agradeciéndole a él y a otros obispos católicos de Michigan sus recientes declaraciones en apoyo a los derechos y la dignidad de los inmigrantes que viven y trabajan en el estado.

El director de Cristo Rey, Chris Lynch, destacó lo significativo que fue para los estudiantes de la escuela, que tiene una población estudiantil mayoritariamente hispana, ver al Arzobispo Vigneron interactuar con ellos, escuchar sus preocupaciones y ofrecerles su apoyo pastoral para la comunidad.

"Significó mucho", le dijo Lynch a Detroit Catholic. "La disposición del arzobispo para escuchar y reconocer las preocupaciones de los estudiantes, centrarse en la dignidad de cada persona humana y responder todas sus dudas, fue algo increíble. Nuestros estudiantes pudieron expresar sus inquietudes, que el arzobispo fue respondiendo".

La visita del Arzobispo Vigneron a Cristo Rey para bendecir el mural de la capilla y escuchar a los estudiantes sin dudas ayudó a que Cristo Rey "cobrara relevancia" durante la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, dijo Lynch.

Lynch comentó que con frecuencia escucha que Cristo Rey es el "secreto mejor guardado de Detroit", algo que espera cambiar a medida que los programas innovadores de la escuela, como su programa de trabajo-estudio en empresas, se hagan más conocidos.

Lynch agregó que más personas deben saber sobre Cristo Rey y el impacto que sus estudiantes tienen en toda la arquidiócesis, especialmente a través del programa de estudiantes-trabajadores, donde los alumnos salen a empresas locales para obtener experiencia laboral y ayudar a cubrir el costo de la matrícula.

Durante su antiguo puesto en Continental Automotive Systems en Auburn Hills, Lynch fue testigo del impacto que los estudiantes de Cristo Rey tienen en el ámbito laboral.

"Somos un faro", dijo Lynch, destacando que Cristo Rey es la única escuela secundaria católica mixta en la ciudad de Detroit. "Cuando hablamos de evangelización y de salir al encuentro, uno de los aspectos más importantes de Cristo Rey es que nuestros estudiantes van una vez a la semana a trabajar en empresas para ayudar a cubrir su matrícula. Van por toda el área metropolitana de Detroit, desde Milford al oeste, hasta Auburn Hills al norte. Yo mismo fui empleador-colaborador en su momento, y recuerdo que nuestros estudiantes mejoran el ambiente en los lugares donde trabajan".

"Poder conversar con el Arzobispo Vigneron sobre sus vocaciones, esperanzas, sueños, miedos y desafíos hizo que el discipulado se volviera algo tangible para los estudiantes de Cristo Rey," dijo Lynch, "un impacto que perdurará mucho más allá de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas".

"Hoy sentí que nuestros estudiantes fueron escuchados, que se les reconocía su dignidad", comentó Lynch. "El arzobispo escuchó sus voces, vio su deseo de expresar sus preocupaciones, sus miedos reales, y les respondió como un buen pastor. Fue algo muy impactante porque ellos sintieron un gran apoyo y cariño que tal vez no habían experimentado antes. El momento no podría haber sido mejor."

Estudiantes de Detroit se dirigen al Arzobispo Vigneron: Las Políticas Justas de Inmigración Importan

Según Kimberly Redigan, Directora del Ministerio de la escuela, los estudiantes del Círculo de Apoyo de Detroit Cristo Rey se inspiraron para escribir la siguiente carta dirigida al Arzobispo Vigneron, que le leyeron cuando visitó la escuela, entregándole posteriormente una copia firmada y le obsequiándole una tira de mariposas que contenía mensajes personales que expresaban por qué son importantes las políticas justas de inmigración.

Este ha sido un momento terriblemente difícil aquí en el suroeste de Detroit. En lugar de disfrutar de la vida adolescente, los estudiantes están bajo un estrés increíble. Ellos y su familia cargan con más de lo que cualquiera debería de cargar. Por favor, oren por ellos y por todos los inmigrantes.



Un estudiante de Cristo Rey presenta mensajes de mariposas al arzobispo Vigneron.

Traducción Carmen Elena Luna

Arzobispo Vigneron,

Ha sido un gran honor tenerlo aquí el día de hoy para hablarle a la comunidad de Cristo Rey. Muchos de nosotros somos hispanos o tenemos vínculos estrechos con inmigrantes y queremos compartirle que estas últimas semanas han sido particularmente difíciles para nosotros.

Su presencia aquí nos recuerda que la compasión, la solidaridad y la unidad que compartimos entre nosotros es simplemente otra forma en la que defendemos nuestra fe católica.

En este momento difícil, recordamos que, como católicos, las Escrituras nos llaman a estar ahí para los demás; por lo que agradecemos grandemente el apoyo que la Iglesia Católica ha demostrado hacia nuestra comunidad inmigrante. Desde estar a la vanguardia de los proyectos de ley LICENCIA PARA TODOS hasta difundir el mensaje de apoyo a través de la Nota pastoral a los migrantes, publicada por los obispos católicos de Michigan con un liderazgo invaluable.

Sin embargo, si bien estamos agradecidos por ese apoyo, ahora nos encontramos lidiando con una creciente sensación de miedo e inquietud. Cuando miramos a nuestro alrededor, vemos el resultado de las duras políticas y retóricas sobre inmigración no solo en los titulares de las noticias y los tuits maliciosos, sino en nuestra vida cotidiana. Las tiendas locales están cerradas; en las esquinas que estaban llenas de gente ahora no hay nadie; y nuestras bibliotecas, iglesias y bancos de alimentos están vacíos, todo por miedo. Pienso en nuestros padres y vecinos, quienes, a pesar de su miedo, continúan trabajando largas horas para mantener a su familia. Así como en nuestros compañeros de clase, que tienen un futuro incierto.

Compartimos esto con ustedes, porque queremos destacar que la lucha de los inmigrantes, no es solo una estadística o un problema distante, hay comunidades enteras que se ven afectadas y nosotros somos solo una de esas.

Como católicos, sabemos que la fe auténtica no puede existir aislada de la justicia. Como saben, la Iglesia ha mantenido durante mucho tiempo un compromiso con la dignidad de la persona humana, y ese compromiso exige acción. No podemos quedarnos aquí y escuchar a nuestro presidente exigir que la iglesia, un lugar central de culto comunitario, sea parte del radar de ICE y las separaciones familiares. No podemos quedarnos aquí y ser testigos pasivos de cómo se deshumaniza y demoniza a los inmigrantes. No podemos quedarnos aquí y escuchar cómo llaman a nuestros seres queridos "criminales" e "invasores". No podemos quedarnos aquí y escuchar cómo nuestro vicepresidente difama el arduo trabajo que la Iglesia Católica ha realizado a través de Caridades Católicas en nuestra comunidad inmigrante.

Nuestro Jesús nos dice que demos la bienvenida al forastero, que mostremos misericordia y compasión, y que amemos al extranjero como a nosotros mismos. Y no hay un momento más crucial para hacer esto que ahora. Esperamos que continúen manteniéndose firmes contra el trato cruel a los inmigrantes.

En la Nota Pastoral a los Migrantes creada por los obispos católicos de Michigan, hay una propuesta de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos para un sistema de inmigración que defienda la dignidad, la compasión y la igualdad. Esta propuesta consiste en crear vías generosas para la ciudadanía, proteger al vulnerable, mantener unida a la familia y darle la bienvenida al refugiado. Como comunidad de Cristo Rey, nuestra última pregunta es la siguiente: ¿Cómo trabajará la Arquidiócesis de Detroit para garantizar que nuestras iglesias y escuelas sean seguras y estén protegidas de ICE? ¿Cómo tomará la Arquidiócesis medidas tangibles para defender las políticas y los principios que nos acercarán al sistema de inmigración propuesto por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos?

En paz y solidaridad,
El Círculo de Apoyo de Cristo Rey de Detroit.

Archbishop Visits Cristo Rey

Archbishop Vigneron's visit to Southwest Detroit school for Catholic Schools Week 'meant a lot' to students, pres says



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Vigneron said. "You didn't come here to be here, you came here to pass on to something else. You didn't go to kindergarten just to stay there; you got there to go to first grade and so on. This isn't an end in itself."

Addressing a student's question about how Catholic schools can help students progress along their journey, the archbishop used a baking analogy.

"I read recently this little way of putting it: it's about leaven, not icing," he said. "Leaven is what you put in the dough, and it impacts everything that's going on. Icing is a layer on top that is just one more addition. The leaven in our school is an understanding of what it means to be a human being, and what we are about in life."

Archbishop Vigneron asked the students to raise their hands if they were planning on attending college or serving in the military or in the trades. The archbishop



said the classes students take at Cristo Rey — literature, geometry, chemistry — will help them pursue those options.

But the purpose of Cristo Rey, the reason for its existence, he said, is to prepare students to pursue their vocations.

"What we understand in our form of education as Catholics is we are all called to a vocation," Archbishop Vigneron said. "For most of you, your real vocation in life is about the families you will establish. For some of you, it is to be a priest, or a brother or a sister. But for all of us, the real vocation in our lives is to become a saint."

During the Q&A session, Cristo Rey students asked the archbishop a variety of questions — what his daily schedule looks like, how he confronts the challenges he faces as an archbishop, and his advice for young people facing challenges keeping their faith in a secular world.

Students from Cristo Rey's Stranger No Longer Circle of Support, a student group supporting the rights of immigrants, read aloud a letter from the group to the archbishop, thanking him and other Catholic bishops in Michigan for their recent statement of support for the rights and dignity of migrants living and working in the state.

Cristo Rey president Chris Lynch said it was meaningful for students at Cristo Rey — a school with a majority Hispanic student population — to see Archbishop Vigneron engage with them, hear their concerns and reassure them of his pastoral support for the community.

"It meant a lot," Lynch told Detroit Catholic. "The archbishop's willingness to hear and recognize (the students' concerns) and focus in on the dignity of each human person and even take on what the students were asking, it was incredible to see. I really appreciated the way our students articulated their concerns in such a way that the archbishop heard their voices and thought of a way to respond in shepherding his flock."

Archbishop Vigneron's visit to Cristo Rey to bless the chapel mural and hear from students is a way for Cristo Rey to "be seen" during Catholic Schools Week, Lynch said.

Lynch said he often hears Cristo Rey is the "best kept secret in Detroit" — something he hopes will change as the school's innovative programs, such as its groundbreaking corporate work-study program, become better known.

Lynch said more people need to hear about Cristo Rey and how its students' impact is felt far and wide across the archdiocese, particularly through the student-worker program, in which Cristo Rey students venture out to area companies to gain work experience and to help cover the cost of tuition.

Lynch saw firsthand the impact Cristo Rey students had in the workplace in his former position at Continental Automotive Systems in Auburn Hills.



"We are a beacon," Lynch said, noting Cristo Rey is the only co-ed Catholic high school in the city of Detroit. "When you talk about evangelization and reaching out, a major component of Cristo Rey is our students going out once a week to companies to help pay for tuition. They go out all across the Metro Detroit area, as far west as Milford, as far north as Auburn Hills. I myself was an employer-partner way back when, and I remember our students create a better environment in the places they go off to work."

Hosting Archbishop Vigneron for an afternoon of discussion about vocations, hopes, dreams, fears and challenges made discipleship real for Cristo Rey's students, Lynch said — an impact that will last far beyond Catholic Schools Week.

"My impression today was that our students felt heard; they felt a sense of dignity," Lynch said. "The archbishop heard their voices, expressed the way they wanted to express their concerns, their real fears, and he responded to them as a good shepherd. It was impactful because they felt some level of support, love and encouragement they might not have been feeling before. The timing could not have been better."

Students to Archbishop Vigneron: Just immigration policies matter

According to Kimberly Redigan, Director of Campus Ministry, Detroit Cristo Rey *Circle of Support* students were inspired to write the following letter addressed to Archbishop Vigneron, which they read aloud to the Archbishop when he visited the school. After reading the letter, they presented him with a signed copy and presented him with a strand of butterflies containing personal messages expressing why just immigration policies matter.

This has been an excruciatingly difficult time here in SW Detroit. Instead of enjoying teenage life, students are under incredible stress. They and their families are carrying more than anyone should have to carry. Please pray for them and all immigrants.



One of the butterfly messages containing personal messages expressing why just immigration policies matter.

Archbishop Vigneron,

It has been such an honor to have you here today speaking to our Cristo Rey community. Many of us here are Hispanic, or have close ties to immigrants and we want to share that these past few weeks have been specifically difficult for us.

Yet, your presence here reminds us that the compassion, solidarity, and unity we have shown one another is simply another way in which we uphold our Catholic faith.

In this difficult time, we have learned that, as Catholics, we are called by Scripture to be there for one another. For that reason, we are sincerely thankful for the support the Catholic Church has shown toward our immigrant community. From being at the forefront of the Drive SAFE Bills to spreading a message of support through the Pastoral Note to Migrants released by the Catholic bishops of Michigan, your leadership has been invaluable.

However, while we are grateful for that support, we now find ourselves grappling with an increasing sense of fear and unease. As we look around, we see the toll of harsh immigration policies and rhetoric not only in news headlines and vicious tweets, but in our everyday lives. Local stores are closed; once-bustling corners are now silent; and our libraries, churches, and food banks stand empty, all out of fear. I think of our parents and neighbors, who, despite their fear, continue to work long hours to support our families. As well as our classmates, who may be unsure of what their future will look like.

We are sharing this with you today because we want to highlight that the struggles of immigrants are not just statistics, or distant issues, there are entire communities being affected by this and we are only one of them.

As Catholics, we know that authentic faith cannot exist in isolation from justice. As you know, the Church has long held a commitment to the dignity of the human person, and that commitment demands action. We can't stand here and listen to our president demand that churches, a central place of community worship, comply with ICE raids and family separations. We can't stand here and passively witness as immigrants are dehumanized and demonized. We can't stand here and listen as our loved ones are called "criminals", "aliens", and "invaders". We can't stand here and listen as our vice president defames the hard work that the Catholic Church has done through Catholic Charities for our immigrant community.

Our Jesus tells us to welcome the stranger, to show mercy and compassion, and to love the foreigner as oneself. And there isn't a time more crucial to do this than right now. We hope that you will continue to stand firm against the cruel treatment of immigrants.

In the Pastoral Note to Migrants created by the Catholic bishops of Michigan, there is a proposal for an immigration system from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that upholds dignity, compassion, and equality. This proposal consists of creating generous pathways to citizenship, protecting the vulnerable, keeping families together, welcoming refugees, and more. As a Cristo Rey community, our final ask is this: How will the Archdiocese of Detroit work to ensure that our churches and schools are safe and protected from ICE? How will the Archdiocese take tangible action to advocate for the policies and principles that will bring us closer to the immigration system proposed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops?

In Peace and Solidarity,
The Detroit Cristo Rey Circle of Support

Shields Wins In Flint !!!

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Dmitry Salita of Salita Promotions presented Super Fight Sunday, this past Sunday, from the Dort Financial Center, in Flint, and was televised on DAZN. The event featured 10 bouts, with the main event between Claressa Shields and Danille Perkins. This was Claressa Shields first time back home in Flint since going pro, and won by a unanimous decicion, over Danille Perkins after 10 rounds. Claressa Shields made history by capturing the undisputed heavyweight title. Claressa Shields is now 16 - 0, with 3 KOs, and Danille Perkins is now 5 - 1, with 2 KOs.

Photos below are highlights from Claressa Shields vs. Danille Perkins and a few of the other bouts from the event



Claressa Shields hand being raised in victory, after defeating Danille Perkins by unanimous decision after 10 rounds



Claressa Shields looks down at Danille Perkins, who is getting up, after getting knocked down



Claressa Shields (L) vs. Danille Perkins (R)



Claressa Shields entering the arena, before taking on Danille Perkins



Ashleyann Lozada (1-0, from Corozal, Puerto Rico) made her debut and defeated Denise Moran (3-1, from Cathedral City, CA), by unanimous decision.



Joshua James Pagan (12-0, with Puerto Rican heritage, from Grand Rapids, MI), pictured with promoter Dmitry Salita of Salita Promotions, defeated Ronal Ron (16-8, from Caracas, Venezuela) by unanimous decision

Detroit City Builds Out Roster

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David Levine
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Sometimes a little patience can go a long way. With the fan base getting nervous and little in the way of information coming out, it looked like Detroit City FC would be starting preseason shorthanded. Then, a flurry of signings turned what looked like a weakness into something that could be quite dangerous to the opposition.

GM Trevor James and Coach Danny Dichio scoured the world for players. They found two from Canada, one from Japan, and one from South Africa via Finland. It sounds like an eclectic mix, but blending these players into the remaining players from last year's squad will give the team something to work on during the next four weeks.

Le Rouge had to shore up the attacking positions and midfield. On paper, they succeeded in doing that. The most significant signing looks like South African striker Darren Smith. He had been working his way northward with stops at clubs in his home country and then at AS FAR Rabat of the Moroccan top flight. From there he moved to Finland in 2020. He worked his way up to the top flight in Finland and spent the last two years with FC Inter Turku where he scored 28 goals in 72 appearances. With his credentials, Smith looks like the man destined to fill the void left by Maxi Rodriguez's departure.

To help provide the opportunities for those goals, DCFC has signed veteran Canadian midfielder Jay Chapman. The Ontario native spent last year with Hartford, but also has seven years experience in MLS and three caps with the Canadian national team. He even played his college soccer at Michigan State, giving him some familiarity with the area. Chapman will be linking up with Abdoulaye Diop in the heart of the DCFC midfield and may even have license to push forward in support of forwards Ben Morris and fellow newcomer Smith.

Two more midfield signings rounded out the flurry of activity at the Detroit City Clubhouse. The club signed young Japanese midfielder Haruki Yamazaki from the Northern Colorado Hailstorm of USL League One. Yamazaki played Division II soccer at Davis & Elkins before moving to Oral Roberts. Last year was his first year as a professional. He hasn't put up big offensive numbers yet, but will bring high energy to the midfield.

Canadian midfielder Marcello Polisi rounds out the new acquisitions. A native of British Columbia, Polisi spent 2023 with Valour of the Canadian Professional League, missing 2024 through injury. He scored one goal in 22 appearances for the Winnipeg based club. Yamazaki and Polisi add depth to the roster, which will be needed with the busy schedule.

DCFC is just four weeks away from opening the season in Miami. The club learned last week that they will have a home game in the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup third round. That will be in mid-April. With more MLS teams joining the competition this year, the tournament will be tougher. Concurrent with the regular season, DCFC will also participate in the Jagermeister Cup, which is for USL Championship and USL League One teams. That will add four group phase games to the schedule that will be on weekends. Add the minimum five games in the cups to the thirty-four regular season games already required and the season starts to look more challenging. Progress in the cups will stretch the club's resources, so the new signings will have no shortage of opportunities to play.

Super Bowl Weekend and Lions News !!!

Super Bowl LIX, takes place this Sunday, February 9th, at 6:30 pm (FOX), between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

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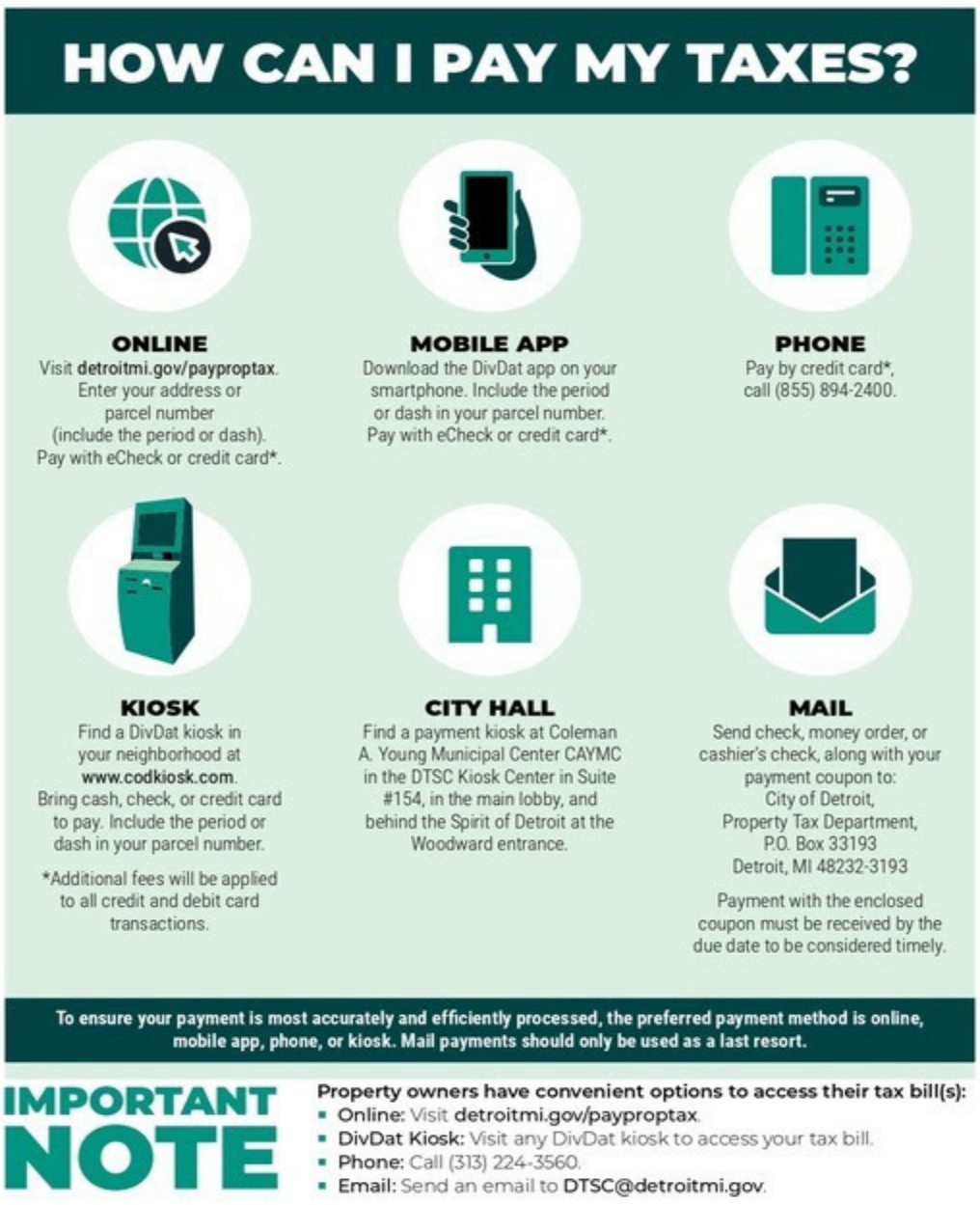












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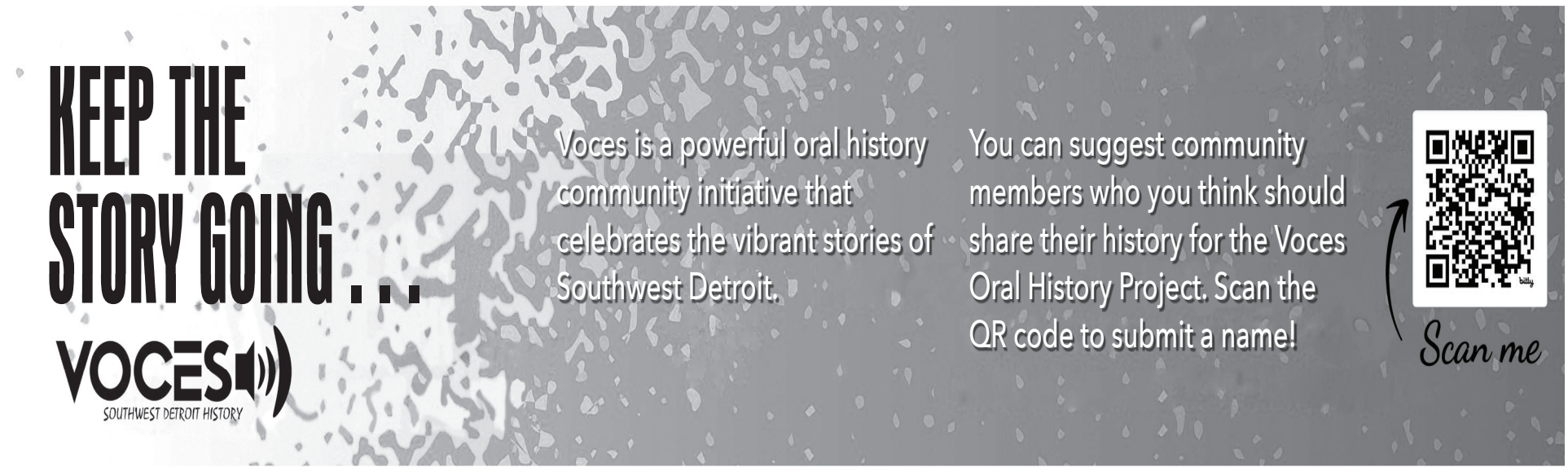
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Mas de 600,000 venezolanos quedarán en limbo migratorio

Por José López Zamorano
Para La Red Hispana



La reciente decisión de la administración Trump sobre el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS) para los venezolanos en Estados Unidos ha generado una ola de incertidumbre y preocupación entre la comunidad inmigrante.

"Después de revisar las condiciones del país y consultar con las agencias gubernamentales correspondientes de EE. UU., la Secretaria de Seguridad Nacional, Kristi Noem, determinó que las condiciones en Venezuela ya no respaldan la designación para el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS) en 2023", anunció el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS).

La Alianza Nacional del TPS, una organización de defensa de los beneficiarios del TPS, rechazó el argumento oficial y se declaró lista para impugnar la decisión en las cortes estadounidenses.

"Un ataque a uno es un ataque a todos. Si bien se ha hablado de división entre los inmigrantes en función de su origen nacional, ya sea de Venezuela, México, El Salvador, Haití o de otros lugares, la simple verdad es que la administración Trump busca expulsarnos a todos, junto con nuestros hijos y las generaciones futuras", indicó.

Algunos países que han sido designados en diferentes momentos incluyen El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Haití, Ucrania, Nepal y Sudán, entre otros

Sus beneficiarios requieren ser ciudadanos de un país designado con TPS, haber estado presente en EE.UU. desde una fecha específica establecida por el gobierno, no tener antecedentes criminales graves y presentar la solicitud dentro del período de inscripción.

Es decir, por definición, los beneficiarios del TPS no deberían entrar en las prioridades de detención y deportación de la administración Trump. No sólo cumplieron con los requerimientos legales, sino que no tienen un récord criminal.

Aunque la administración Trump ha querido ligar a los beneficiarios del TPS con el grupo criminal venezolano Tren de Aragua, no existe evidencia de que la abrumadora mayoría de quienes obtuvieron las protecciones del TPS sean criminales.

La administración Biden había reconocido la gravedad de la situación en Venezuela, otorgando y extendiendo el TPS para sus ciudadanos exiliados en los Estados Unidos.

Sin embargo, la decisión de la secretaría Kristi Noem sugiere que la lógica de la administración Trum es que las condiciones en Venezuela han mejorado lo suficiente como para justificar la terminación de esta protección, una interpretación rechazada por organizaciones defensoras de los derechos humanos.

La decisión de dejar a cientos de miles de venezolanos se produce en un contexto de discusiones entre la administración Trump y el gobierno de Nicolás Maduro. Estas conversaciones, que incluyeron la liberación de ciudadanos estadounidenses detenidos en Venezuela y la aceptación por Caracas de vuelos de deportados

Activistas coinciden que deben considerarse soluciones que equilibren las preocupaciones de seguridad nacional con la protección de los derechos humanos y las obligaciones internacionales de Estados Unidos. Las cortes del país tendrán la última palabra.

More than 600,000 Venezuelans will be left in immigration limbo

By José López Zamorano
For La Red Hispana

The recent decision by the Trump administration on Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelans in the United States has generated a wave of uncertainty and concern among the immigrant community.

"After reviewing the conditions in the country and consulting with the corresponding U.S. government agencies, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that conditions in Venezuela no longer support the designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in 2023," the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced.

The National TPS Alliance, an advocacy organization for TPS beneficiaries, rejected the official argument and declared itself ready to challenge the decision in U.S. courts.

"An attack on one is an attack on all. While there has been talk of division among immigrants based on their national origin, whether from Venezuela, Mexico, El Salvador, Haiti or elsewhere, the simple truth is that the Trump administration seeks to expel us all, along with our children and future generations," he said.

Some countries that have been designated at different times include El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Haiti, Ukraine, Nepal and Sudan, among others.

Their beneficiaries are required to be citizens of a country designated with TPS, to have been present in the US since a specific date established by the government, to have no serious criminal record and to apply within the registration period.

That is, by definition, TPS beneficiaries should not fall into the Trump administration's detention and deportation priorities. Not only did they comply with the legal requirements, but they do not have a criminal record.

Although the Trump administration has sought to link TPS beneficiaries to the Venezuelan criminal group Tren de Aragua, there is no evidence that the overwhelming majority of those who obtained TPS protections are criminals. The Biden administration had recognized the gravity of the situation in Venezuela, granting and extending TPS for its citizens exiled in the United States.

However, Secretary Kristi Noem's decision suggests that the Trump administration's logic is that conditions in Venezuela have improved enough to justify ending this protection, an interpretation rejected by human rights organizations.

The decision to leave hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans in place comes in a context of discussions between the Trump administration and the government of Nicolás Maduro. These conversations, which included the release of US citizens detained in Venezuela and Caracas' acceptance of deportee flights

Activists agree that solutions that balance national security concerns with the protection of human rights and the international obligations of the United States must be considered. The country's courts will have the final say.

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the forests, glaciers, desert, its long coastal zone, as well as its jungle with its great waterfalls.

With its capital Buenos Aires by the Atlantic Ocean, which has given to the city its unique port identity, this is the reason that the gentilic of those who are born and live in Buenos Aires is Porteños. The marine character of the city has given it a nostalgic and passionate feeling that is reflected in its tangos.

The majestic Iguazu Falls with more than 250 waterfalls in the Paranaense Jungle at the mouth of the Iguazu River in the waters of the Paraná River, on the border that joins the cities of Puerto Iguazú on the Argentine side; Foz do Iguaçu on the Brazilian side; and the urban conglomerate Ciudad del Este/Presidente Franco, on the Paraguayan side. The falls extend for almost two miles in length and their jumps fall from a height that can reach up to 82 meters (269 feet).





And although it is little known, Argentina also has sites of pre-Hispanic architecture, which since 1910 historians, scholars, archaeologists, scientists and activists have pushed for the protection, restoration and recovery of sites that give visibility to the great cultures that settled before the arrival of the Europeans to the American continent.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
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Tilcara, Jujuy

Tilcara is located in the Jujuy province of Argentina, by the Rio Grande in a mountainous desert region. Tilcara is located just 3 hours by car from the northern border with Bolivia and 6 hours by car from the western border with Chile.

Tilcara hides one of the architectural wonders of Argentina in the desert at 3,180 meters above sea level.

There is some evidence that has been found that this region was inhabited since 10,000 years ago by different peoples, including the more recents: Quechuas, Uquías, Incas and Tilcaras between the years 1000 and 1480 AD.



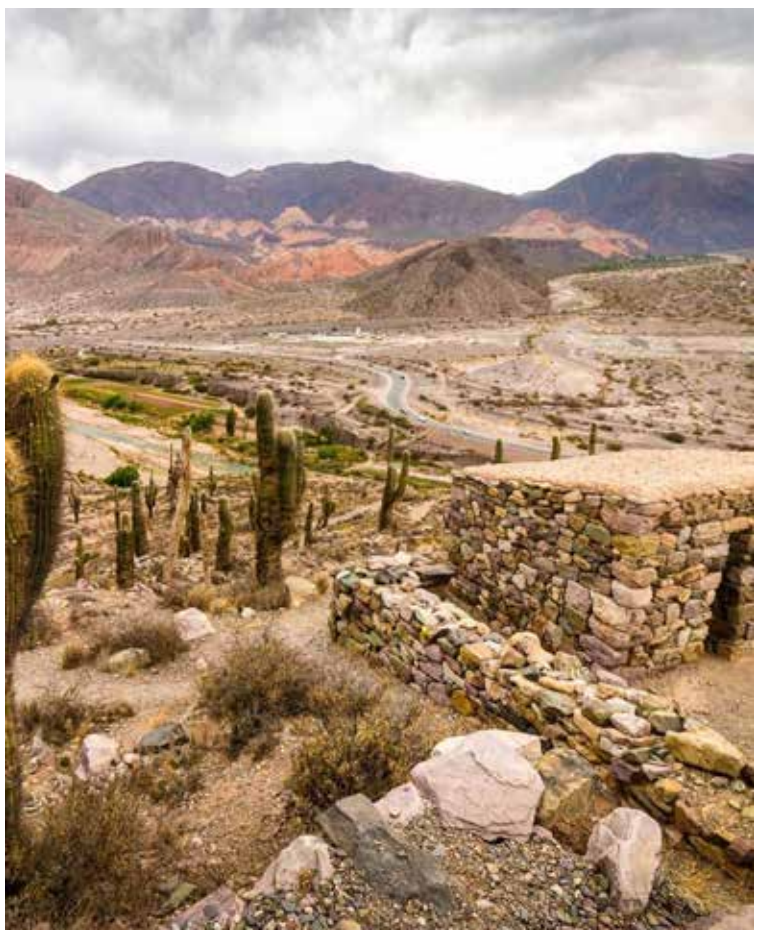
Visitors who come to Tilcara look for the Quebrada de Humahuaca and the Pucará.

The Quebrada de Humahuaca is the name given to the mountainous landscape that surrounds the valley of the town of Tilcara. The Humahuaca Ravine shows in its mountain range the transition of colors that go from the light shades of yellow in its transition to the different colors of ochre.



The Pucará is the historical archaeological site that can be visited in Tilcara itself.

Tilcara also has a botanical garden that is definitely worth visiting.



ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Argentina



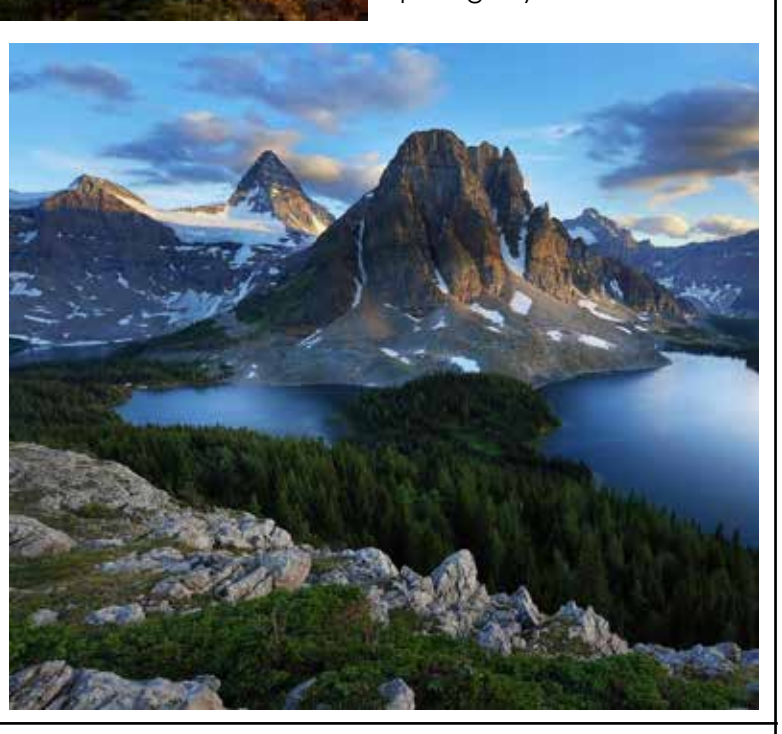
Argentina es conocida por sus cortes, sus empanadas, sus tangos y Gardel; La vasta extensión territorial conglomera un sin fin de sitios y lugares excepciones, como lo son las ruinas de Jujuy y Quilmes, la cordillera andina, las cataratas de Iguazú, así como la majestuosa Patagonia con su Tierra de Fuego y la Tierra del Fin del Mundo, en el extremo sur del continente. Con una diversa cantidad de ecosistemas que van desde los bosques de la Patagonia, los glaciares, el desierto, su larga zona costera, así como su selva con sus grandes cascadas.



Con su capital Buenos Aires al pie del Océano Atlántico, lo que le ha dado su singular identidad portuaria, no por nada el gentilicio de quienes nacen-viven en Buenos Aires es Porteños. El carácter marino de la ciudad le ha dado identidad nostálgica y apasionante que se refleja en sus tangos.



Las majestuosas Cataratas del Iguazú con más de 250 saltos de agua en la Selva Paranaense en la desembocadura del Río Iguazú en las aguas del río Paraná, en la frontera que conjunta las ciudades de Puerto Iguazú en el lado argentino; Foz do Iguaçu en el lado brasileño; y el conglomerado urbano Ciudad del Este/ Presidente Franco, del lado paraguayo. Las cataratas se extienden en casi dos millas de longitud y sus saltos caen desde una altura que puede alcanzar hasta los 82 metros (269 pies).



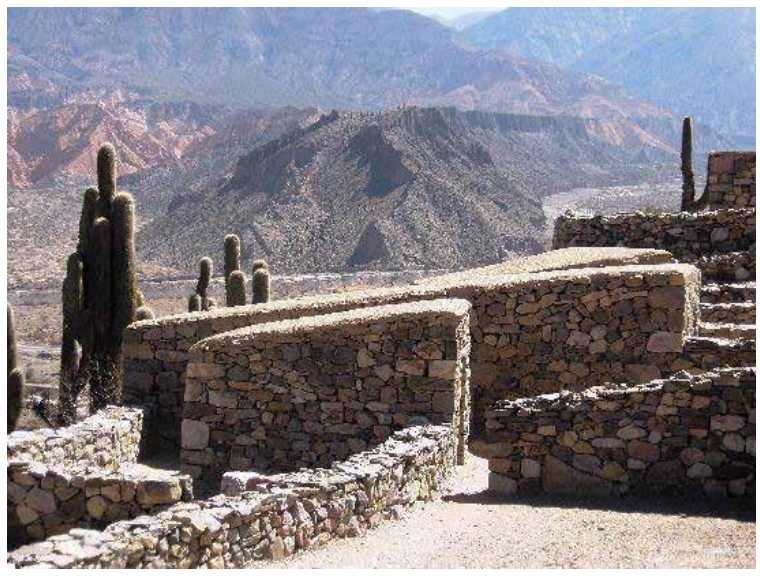
Y aunque es poco sabido, Argentina cuenta también con sitios de arquitecturas prehispánicas que desde 1910 los historiadores, estudiosos, arqueólogos, científicos y activistas han presionado para la protección, restauración y recuperación de sitios que den visibilidad a las grandes culturas que se asentaron antes de la llegada de los europeos al continente americano.

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Tilcara, Jujuy



Tilcara está ubicada en la provincia de Jujuy en Argentina, al pie del Río Grande en una región desértica montañosa. Tilcara se encuentra a tan sólo 3 horas en auto de la frontera norte con Bolivia y 6 horas en auto de la frontera con Chile. Tilcara esconde una de las maravillas arquitectónicas de Argentina en el desierto a 3,180 metros sobre el nivel del mar. Se han encontrado indicios de que esta región fue habitada desde hace más de 10,000 años por diferentes pueblos, entre ellos: quechuas, uquías, incas y tilcaras entre los años 1000 y 1480 de nuestra era.



Los visitantes que llegan a Tilcara buscan la Quebrada de Humahuaca y el Pucará.

La Quebrada de Humahuaca es como se le llama al paisaje montañoso que rodea el valle del pueblo de Tilcara. La Quebrada de Humahuaca muestra en su serranía la transición de colores que van desde los tonos claros del amarillo en su transición a los diferentes colores de ocre,

El Pucará, es el sitio histórico arqueológico que se puede visitar en el mismo Tilcara.

Tilcara cuenta también con un jardín botánico que vale la pena, sin duda, visitar.



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