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Threats to Religious Charities Serving Immigrants and Refugees

Are a concern in Bishops' Report on the "State of Religious Liberty in the United States"

Another problematic issue pointed out in the Jan. 16, 2024 Bishops' report, "State of Religious Liberty in the United States, is the criticism of and actual proposed governmental restrictions on the working of Catholic charities in aiding immigrants.

From OSV News, Jan. 16, 2024. Kate Scanlon:

"The Church's mission, you know, is we're to serve, serve the poor and the needy. That's part of our mission to the corporal works of mercy, so welcoming the stranger," Bishop Rhoades said, an act of mercy demanded by Jesus Christ in Matthew 25 when he renders justice at the final judgment. "And we're talking here about basic needs: sometimes food, sometimes shelter, clothing and other kinds of assistance. The Church has always done this and it's just part of our Christian responsibilities."

Bishop Rhoades said some have suggested that "somehow the Church is contributing to illegal immigration" through such service.

"Comprehensive immigration reform is something that the Catholic Church in the United States has been advocating for for decades," he added. He said "our provision of humanitarian aid to human beings who are in need" is needed regardless of whether and how Congress would act."

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**As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love, the three of them;
and the greatest of them is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13**