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This week two significant events occurred where the Archbishop issued public statements. The texts are available below and the social media posts will appear in the media summary.

On Wednesday, Venezuela was hit by a devastating earthquake. As of this morning Reuters reports: “The government has estimated hundreds of people still trapped and missing on top of 589 confirmed fatalities and 2,980 injuries. A website set up to take reports of people still unaccounted for had 50,000 listed as of Friday morning.”

**Yesterday we posted on our social media platforms a message from the Archbishop in English and Spanish.**

In addition, the Supreme Court issued a decision that terminates the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program, which has provided Haitians and Syrians protections to live and work legally in the United States.

**This afternoon, we are posting the Archbishops message in English and Haitian Creole.**

We will inform you of any additional actions that may be taken.

Catholic Charities Boston (CCAB) suggests individuals visit the following page for important information and updates: <https://www.ccab.org/refugee-immigrant-services/immigrant-legal-services/>

CCAB will be updating the page with the latest information, and they are planning a webinar on Monday which will be posted from their homepage.

The statements are below with PDF versions attached.

Thank you.

## **VENEZUELA STATEMENT**

### **ENGLISH (PDF [here](#))**

"Today, our hearts and prayers are with the people of Venezuela following yesterday's devastating earthquakes. We especially hold close our Venezuelan brothers and sisters here in Boston who may be anxiously awaiting news of family and friends back home. May all affected by the earthquake's aftermath find comfort in knowing that the local Church stands with them in prayer and solidarity. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."

### **SPANISH (PDF [here](#))**

Tras los devastadores terremotos ocurridos en Venezuela, el Arzobispo Richard Henning hace un llamado a la oración y a la solidaridad con el pueblo venezolano:

"Hoy, nuestros corazones y oraciones están con el pueblo de Venezuela tras los devastadores terremotos ocurridos ayer. De manera especial, acompañamos con cercanía a nuestros hermanos y hermanas venezolanos aquí en Boston, quienes pueden estar esperando con preocupación noticias de sus familiares y amigos en su país.

Que todos los afectados por las consecuencias de este desastre encuentren consuelo al saber que la Iglesia los acompaña con sus oraciones, solidaridad y esperanza.

Por la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, Patrona de Venezuela, que Dios conceda fortaleza, consuelo, sanación, paz y esperanza a todos los que sufren en estos momentos tan difíciles."

### **SUPREME COURT DECISION REGARDING Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program**

**[ENGLISH \(PDF here\)](#)**

Haitian Catholics are an important part of the family of the Archdiocese of Boston. Many of them benefit from Temporary Protected Status, a program established by Congress to give refuge to those who are fleeing natural disasters or violence.

The Administration has decided to terminate that protected status for more than 6,100 Syrians and more than 300,000 Haitians in the United States despite the ongoing instability and dangerous conditions facing many in their home countries. Here in the Boston region, Haitian immigrants have made lives, raised families, and have taken critical roles in health care and in other industries.

I respectfully ask that we urge the administration and Congress to prevent this disaster by providing a secure and lasting basis for these refugees. Please see the link below where you can learn more about this matter and consider raising your voice on behalf of the vulnerable.

Please visit the Catholic Charities website where additional information can be found,

<https://www.ccab.org/refugee-immigrant-services/immigrant-legal-services/>

**HAITIAN CREOLE (PDF here)**

Yon mesaj Achevèk Richard Henning pou kominote ayisyen an

Chè frè ak sè m yo, Se avèk anpil tristès mwen aprann desizyon Administrasyon an pran pou mete fen nan Estati Pwoteksyon Tanporè (TPS) pou anpil Ayisyen. Desizyon sa a fe kè sere anpil, paske li pral afekte lavi anpil fanmi ki deja ap fè fas ak anpil difikilte.

Mwen eksprime gwo enkyetid mwen devan desizyon sa a, e mwen pa dakò ak mete fen nan pwogram pwoteksyon sa a. M ap kontinye lapriyè pou yon solisyon ki jis. Mwen mande Kongrè Etazini pou l aji san pèdi tan pou tabli yon solisyon legal ki estab e ki dire lontan pou moun ki te oblije kouri kite vyolans ak konsekans dezas natirèl.

Ayisyen Katolik yo okipe yon plas enpòtan nan lavi Achidyosèz Boston an. Anpil ladan yo benefisyè TPS, yon pwogram Kongrè Etazini te mete sou pye pou pwoteje moun ki te oblije kite peyi yo poutèt vyolans oswa dezas natirèl.

Administrasyon an decide mete fen nan TPS pou plis pase 300,000 Ayisyen k ap viv Ozetazini, alòske sitiyaasyon an Ayiti toujou grav anpil. Isit nan rejyon Boston an, anpil imigran ayisyen bati lavi yo, leve pitit yo, epi yo jwe yon wòl enpòtan nan domèn swen lasante ansanm ak anpil lòt sektè.

Avèk anpil respè, mwen mande Administrasyon an ak Kongrè Etazini pou yo pran mezi ki nesèsè pou evite yon lòt gwo soufrans pou fanmi sa yo, epi pou yo tabli yon solisyon legal ki estab e ki dire lontan.

Tanpri pran yon ti tan pou li enfòmasyon ki nan lyen ki anba yo pou aprann plis sou sitiasyon sa a. Mwen ankouraje nou tou pou nou fè tande vwa nou pou defann frè ak sè nou yo ki pi vilnerab.

Haitian Creole:

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