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### **Maryknoll Celebrates the Court's Decision to Block the End of TPS for Haitians**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns welcomes the court decision to maintain deportation protections for over 350,000 Haitians living in the United States. We recognize this decision as an important affirmation of human dignity, and reaffirm our commitment to working with Congress and the Administration to secure permanent protections and a pathway to residency for Haitian TPS holders who have long called this country home.

Susan Gunn, Director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, issued the following statement in response to yesterday's court ruling staying the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals:

"The court's decision to maintain deportation protections for Haitians in the United States is a victory for justice and a profound relief for the 350,000 Haitians who have lived under a shadow of fear. For too long, our Haitian sisters and brothers have been treated as expendable, but this stay affirms that their lives and contributions to the United States cannot be erased by political whim."

"We must be clear about why TPS remains a moral and legal necessity. Haiti is currently paralyzed by a crisis of violence fueled by an endless flow of guns and ammunition—the vast majority of which are trafficked directly from the United States. It is a bitter irony to deport families to a country destabilized by American-made weapons while claiming the situation is 'resolved'."

"Furthermore, we cannot forget that Haiti never received the full, transformative aid promised after the 2010 earthquake. Global pledges of 'building back better' largely vanished into thin air, leaving the nation's infrastructure in ruins. To force people back to these conditions is not just cruel; it is a violation of the very principles of humanitarian protection. We celebrate this pause, but our work continues for a permanent solution and the dignity every Haitian deserves."

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