

# Statement from President Garvey on the January 27, 2017, Executive Order

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At The Catholic University of America, we are proud to serve our Church and our nation by educating students from all over the world who seek the best of Catholic and American higher education and by providing these students and scholars a welcoming community and campus life.

At this time we cannot know with certainty how recent executive orders will affect people seeking education, refuge, and citizenship in our country. Nor do we know yet how they might affect our University community over the long term. We are reaching out to our students and visiting scholars who are directly affected by the measures to assure them of our support and our commitment to help them navigate this uncertain period. We will continue to communicate with them directly through the Center for Global Education as more information is made available to us.

We can say with certainty that we will operate the University by welcoming all people “in search of the security and the means of livelihood which they cannot find in their country of origin” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2241).

We hope the newly elected administration will find a way to promote the common good of our citizens, including our national security, without departing from our nation’s great tradition of welcoming persons of good will who seek to make a better life here.

Members of the community with immediate concerns should contact Gudrun Kendon, Director of the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at [kendon@cua.edu](mailto:kendon@cua.edu), 202-319-5618. Additional support is available through the [Center for Global Education](#), [Office of Campus Ministry](#), [Counseling Center](#), [Center for Cultural Engagement](#), and [Office of the Dean of Students](#).

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