

Pope Francis Criticizes U.S. Border, Keeps Vatican Under Tight Control

Pope Francis criticized open borders immigration policy, calling plans to deport individuals unlawfully in the United States “a disgrace.” The Pope’s remarks reflect his broader stance urging Western nations to welcome migrants, a position that has often clashed with conservative immigration policies.

Francis stated, “This won’t do. That is not the way to solve things,” adding that rejecting migrants is a “grave sin.” His comments come as the United States grapples with the consequences of illegal immigration. Under President Joe Biden’s administration, over 10 million illegal immigrants, many unvetted, have entered the country. Critics argue such policies undermine national security and economic stability.

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Despite the Pope’s criticism of U.S. border policies, the Vatican recently enacted stricter measures to secure its own borders. On Dec. 19, the Vatican announced penalties for illegal entry, imposing prison sentences of one to four years and fines ranging from €10,000 to €25,000. The decree targets those who use violence, threats or deception to bypass Vatican security systems or border controls.

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This apparent contradiction has drawn criticism. Observers note that while Pope Francis promotes open borders for sovereign nations, the Vatican enforces policies to ensure its

own territorial security. The disparity underscores a broader debate about the balance between compassion for migrants and the need to maintain the rule of law.

Francis's statements highlight a persistent divide between globalist perspectives and those advocating for national sovereignty and secure borders. As Western nations like the United States seek solutions to unprecedented immigration challenges, the Vatican's approach to its own borders raises questions about consistency and practicality in addressing this complex issue.

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