

A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR ALL OF US

Housing is fundamental.

We all deserve to have a **safe and affordable place to call home**, whether we live in an apartment, a single-family home, a retirement community, or somewhere else.



When we don't have to worry about our housing, we feel safe and are free to focus on other things that matter – like spending time with loved ones, taking care of our health, and pursuing our dreams.



The Catholic Church recognizes housing as a basic human right that must be available to all.

But for too many of us, it's hard to find quality housing we can afford.

1 in 4 households

have to spend

more than a third

of their income on housing.

(Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, 2026)



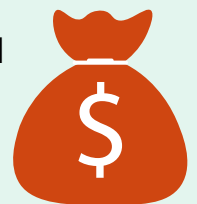
Recent cuts to federal rental aid threaten to make housing even more expensive for working families.

(NPR, 2025; Urban Institute, 2025).

Why is housing in the U.S. so expensive?

- Over the last two decades, **housing costs have been rising faster than incomes.** (Treasury, 2024)
- Budget cuts to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have **weakened fair housing protections**, making it harder for families to find safe and affordable housing. (CRS, 2024)
- **Rich investors and private equity firms are buying up homes and apartment buildings**, making housing more expensive for families while boosting their own profits. (GAO, 2026)
- **Tariffs on building materials have driven up the cost of building a new home**, which could mean 450,000 fewer homes being built over the next five years. (Center for American Progress, 2025)
- **Attacks on immigrant families** jeopardize both their livelihoods and the workforce needed to help solve the housing crisis. (National Association of Home Builders, 2025; NLIHC, 2025)

Instead of working to make housing more affordable, some lawmakers prioritized **tax cuts for the rich and the mass deportation of our neighbors.**



For too long, lawmakers have overlooked issues that make the housing crisis worse – from corporations keeping our wages low to **rich private investors squeezing our neighborhoods.**

It doesn't have to be this way!



We are building a future where we all have a home that we love and can actually afford.

Stable housing for all leads to vibrant neighborhoods, healthy people, and strong communities for all.

Together, we can vote and demand that our leaders make the American Dream of good housing a reality for everyone.



And we already have a win!

Thanks to advocacy from people across the country, Congress recently passed the **21st Century ROAD to Housing Act**. The new law will grow the housing supply and limit private investors owning and renting single-family homes.

Ask if your candidates support:



- ☐ Lowering rent by expanding affordable housing programs, especially for seniors, young adults, disabled people, and low-income families, such as by increasing the availability of tax credits and vouchers.
- ☐ Continuing to stop corporations from buying up single-family homes and driving up housing costs.
- ☐ Providing more federal help with down payments so more people can afford to rent or own.

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