



March 31, 2023

Ms. Ur Mendoza Jaddou  
Director  
U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services  
20 Massachusetts Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ms. Jaddou:

You and members of your department are cordially invited to attend and support the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mass is at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation of the colors procession begins promptly at 12:00 p.m. We encourage you to invite the rest of your department to attend.

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop Washington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the 2023 Blue Mass. Co-chair Patrick Burke, Executive Director of the DC Police Foundation, joins me in this invitation and we hope that you will be able to attend.

The Blue Mass is a tradition that began in 1934 and was revitalized twenty-nine years ago. The Mass brings people together to remember and pray for those in the law enforcement and public safety community that have fallen in the line of duty and to ask for God's blessing for the continuing safety of those who still serve. The Blue Mass reminds us of the continuing challenges to our freedoms and safety and helps us recognize how these challenges are being met by law enforcement. It also gives us an opportunity to pray in gratitude for all those who serve our community, and in a particular way, those who have given their lives while in the line of duty.

If you are able to attend, please identify yourself when you arrive at church so that one of our ushers can seat you and your colleagues. St. Patrick's church is located at 619 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, one block from "Metro Center" or "Gallery Place" metro stations at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and G Streets.

To RSVP, please contact Marie Valcourt at Saint Patrick's at (202) 347-2713, or by email at [myvalcourt@saintpatrickdc.org](mailto:myvalcourt@saintpatrickdc.org). We look forward to seeing you on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sincerely yours,

*William E. Lawler*

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**U.S. Citizenship  
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May 10, 2023

William E. Lawler III  
Blue Mass Committee  
619 Tenth Street, N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Lawler:

Thank you for your March 31, 2023 letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regarding the invite to attend and support the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Unfortunately, we regret that we were unable to attend this important event.

USCIS whole-heartedly shares the communal spirit of gratitude, remembrance, and cooperation that the Blue Mass and His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory promote. This week, I joined Secretary Mayorkas, Deputy Secretary Tien, and many other distinguished leaders of the Department of Homeland Security in a Police Week Memorial Ceremony at the Department. Thank you and the rest of the Blue Mass Committee for organizing the Annual Blue Mass to similarly uplift law enforcement and public safety officials, who are USCIS allies in our mission. We appreciate your invitation and support your efforts.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ur M. Jaddou" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ur M. Jaddou  
Director