

FAITH MEETS JUSTICE



St. Peter Catholic Church

The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City



“the defense of human beings knows no barriers; we are all united in wanting to ensure a dignified life for every man, woman, child forced to abandon their land.” ~ Pope Francis

What can you do....

- Open your mind to the conditions of the Dreamers, their worries and their dreams.
- Pray US authorities in the Congress and the Executive Branch find inspiration in their hearts to deal with the concerns of the Dreamers with humanity, justice and fairness.
- Contact your representatives in Congress, send them a written communication, or subscribe a letter as the one suggested by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, asking them to support bipartisan legislative efforts to protect the Dreamers.

Fact: DACA recipients are unauthorized immigrants who arrived in the country as children, and have lived continuously here since mid-2007, with no criminal record. They have been raised as US citizens. They are children of America.

Fact: Nearly 800,000 youth have protection from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). DACA provides no legal status. It does provide a temporary reprieve from deportation and employment authorization for legal work opportunities in the United States.

Fact: Creditable data show a significant number of Dreamers are launching start-ups and new businesses, creating job opportunities for American workers.

Fact: Without new legislation, DACA participants will become eligible for deportation from the United States by the end of six months. This also applies to those that currently serve in the US military.

Fact: Terminating DACA will result in the loss of billions of dollars, reducing productive employment, tax revenue and national income. Nearly \$460 billion may be lost in the next decade if DACA is shut down.

Fact: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB] Chairman Expresses Ongoing Support for DACA, *“The Catholic Bishops have long supported DACA youth and continue to do so. DACA youth are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes. These young people entered the U.S. as children and know America as their only home. The dignity of every human being, particularly that of our children and youth, must be protected...”*

Dream Act Bills

Senate: Dream Act of 2017 (S. 1615)

House of Representatives: (HR3440)