



February 20, 2018

Dear Brother Priests and Deacons, and Pastoral Coordinators,

As you know, our sisters and brothers known as “Dreamers” face a precarious situation. This past Thursday, the Senate failed to pass a bill that would provide protection for them and called a recess for this week. When Congress returns to session on February 26, it will have barely a week to act before March 5, the deadline President Trump set for ending the executive branch protection called “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals,” or “DACA.”

This past Friday, we bishops of the United States announced a national Catholic “call-in day” to Congress to express support for Dreamers. The call to congressional offices in Washington, D.C., will take place *Monday, February 26*.

We are writing to ask that you encourage your parishioners to participate in this national Catholic call-in day. Attached to this message are two documents: a bulletin announcement/insert for your February 24-25 parish bulletin, and a set of talking points for you to use as you see fit. We recognize that the time frame is brief, and since some of you have the capacity to send information to parishioners by email, that might be a preferable route for you. For your information, Joe Sprague has already sent an alert to the Washington State Catholic Conference email list, and we will distribute printed copies of the bulletin insert at Catholic Advocacy Day on Wednesday of this week.

Thank you for your assistance, and let’s continue to pray for a just and loving solution not just for the Dreamers but for all who seek to make a better life for themselves and their families in our great country. This is one more way in which we can *Share the Journey* with our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers.

Sincerely in Christ,

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