

Justice, Peace and Life

February 2018

Keep the DREAM Alive: NOW is the time for Action!



Share the Journey ✱
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Speak Up For and With DREAMers, Children and Families

Throughout our diocese on Public Policy Weekend, we'll be signing petitions asking our Congressional representatives and the president to support a path to citizenship for the DREAMers, the young people brought to this country as children.

Recently, several immigration policies have been proposed by the White House and lawmakers; some combine support for the DREAMers with punitive and negative proposals that would end immigrant family reunification and hurt protections for unaccompanied immigrant minors, while adding billions more dollars to border security.

In response, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our own Diocesan petition continue to insist that our elected officials **“reject any proposals that threaten family-based immigration or seek to undermine protections for unaccompanied children.”** We also insist that **“any border security measures included in such legislation are balanced, proportional, and humane.”**



We as a Church have been advocating for fair and compassionate immigration policy for many years.

NOW is the time to act. This is the moment when we can make a difference— if we keep on contacting our Congressional representatives and keep encouraging them to reach a bipartisan agreement.

Make it part of your Lenten practice to speak up for and with our immigrant sisters and brothers.

“As one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope”
- Pope Francis



Raise Your Voice Today!

After you sign the petition in your parish... keep going! Sign the petition on the U.S. Catholic Bishops web site: www.justiceforimmigrants.org

Then **call** your Congressional representative. Capitol switchboard: (202) 224-3121

Post your support on social media. Ask your friends and family to advocate too.

“Family immigration is part of the bedrock of our country and of our Church... Upholding and protecting the family unit, regardless of its national origins, is vital to our faith. Additionally, in searching for a solution for Dreamers, we must not turn our backs on the vulnerable. We should not, for example, barter the well-being of unaccompanied children for the well-being of the Dreamers. We know them all to be children of God who need our compassion and mercy...”

Time is of the essence. Every day we experience the human consequences of delayed action in the form of young people losing their livelihood and their hope.”

-Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez,
Bishop of Austin, and Chairman of the USCCB
Committee on Migration

The Eucharist Commits Us to Our Neighbors in Need

2018 Diocesan Social Ministry Conference



Thursday April 26, 2018

Mass: 11:00am

Conference: 12:00pm-5:00pm

Registration: 10:30am-11:00am and 11:45 am-12:00pm

Notre Dame Retreat House,
5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua NY

Workshops and discussions on current social concerns
The Opioid Crisis/ Share the Journey- Refugees & Immigrants/ Life Issues/ Trauma-Informed Care/Food Justice
PLUS: Social Ministry success stories from Diocese of Rochester parishes

Keynote by Giovina Caroscio
Former Director of Justice and Peace for Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier
Spiritual director and retreat leader at the Mercy Spirituality Center

\$20 registration fee includes lunch and materials
Registration Deadline: Friday April 20
To register, contact the Justice & Peace Staff member from your county. See list below.



Remembering Dr. King: Celebrate His Vision, Work for Peace and Justice
"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 15 1929- April 4, 1968

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