



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to pray for and to support migrants and refugees in our communities. Our faith calls us to stand with the vulnerable, including those migrants driven to exile by poverty, war, or exploitation and living in uncertainty in the United States.

I write today to ask for your help. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which protects nearly 1.8 million young people brought to the United States by their parents, is set to expire on March 5, and as soon as March 6, these young people currently protected by DACA face deportation. Many of these children and young people have known our country as their only home, are volunteers in our parishes, are leaders in our schools and workplaces, and are contributing members of our communities. Deportation could mean sudden, traumatic separation from their families and exile to a country they may not remember where they may face violence and poverty.

Please ask your parishioners to participate in a National Catholic Call-in Day on Monday, February 26 to urge members of Congress to support a solution to protect these young people from immediate threat of deportation while at the same time work toward protection for these minors going forward, sparing them the unnecessary anxiety that has become a part of their daily lives. A flyer with information about the call-in day and instructions on how to contact elected officials is attached. I also have attached additional resources you may find helpful in learning more about these issues.

Grateful for all that you do to lift up the dignity of every family, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Attachments