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## **Bishop Bradley affirms support after announcement to end DACA**

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (September 5, 2017): Bishop Bradley released the following statement following the White House Administration's decision to end DACA.

"In light of today's very disappointing announcement that The Department of Homeland Security has formally rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA, I wish to extend our prayers, support and continued ministry to all those impacted by this decision.

"It is our hope that Congress will work diligently on a just and legal solution so that all of you, our sisters and brothers, will be able to remain here as vibrant members of our community. The Church stands with you and will continue to advocate on your behalf to find a clear and just path to U.S. citizenship. Our diocesan Immigration Assistance Program is open to answer questions and direct people to the appropriate resources. Please join with me in praying that all people be recognized as precious children of God."

The mission of the diocesan Immigration Assistance Program (IAP) is to provide the indigent immigrant population of the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo with low-cost, competent legal representation in their immigration matters. The IAP also seeks to make available to our community in all of its various sectors information on the status of the immigrant within our diocese, state and nationwide.

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**The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo** is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes as well as 22 Catholic schools.

