## ICOM: Interfaith Coalition on Immigration Minnesota

ICOM "engages spiritual, multicultural action in solidarity with immigrants and refugees to achieve justice and stand up to systems of oppression."

Some of their key initiatives include the following:

- They hold vigils at the Whipple Federal Building at Fort Snelling on Tuesday mornings to support immigrants facing deportation and stand in opposition to ICE (U.S. Immigrant and Customs Enforcement) practices that dehumanize and terrorize. Vigils are also held at key locations (such as the Sherburne County Jail) as issues arise.
- ICOM AID (Accompanying Immigrants in Detention) is a branch of ICOM that allows volunteers to directly support immigrant detainees and their families in the Twin Cities.
- ICOM also advocates for systemic change to policy structures to better protect human and civil rights of immigrants.

## **EDUCATE/LEARN:**

What is DACA, and why does the Catholic Church support it? <a href="https://justiceforimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Daca-Updated-6-18-2020.pdf">https://justiceforimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Daca-Updated-6-18-2020.pdf</a>

- Videos Ted Talks about DACA and Immigration
- <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/catalina\_morales">https://www.ted.com/talks/catalina\_morales</a> why we need to stop talking about daca and start talking about immigrants/up-next
- https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8AUI3zV9G2o

**ADVOCATE:** The Dreamers need you! Contact our Minnesota US Senators about passing the Dream and Promise Act through the US Senate, which will protect Dreamers by giving them a way to become permanent residents. Our Senators need to know that we, their constituency, support DACA. Call, write, email—just don't stay silent:

Click here for more info: We Need the Dream and Promise Act Now!

- Amy Klobuchar: <a href="https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/email-amy">https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/email-amy</a>1200 Washington Avenue South, Room 250, Minneapolis, MN 55415612-727-5220
- Tina Smith: <a href="https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion">https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion</a>60 Plato Blvd Suite #220, St Paul MN 55107651-221-1016

**COMMUNICATE:** Sign up for "Action alerts" from the Immigrant Law Center of MN (ILCM) to stay informed about immigration issues and how you can make a difference.

https://www.ilcm.org/get-involved/subscribe/

**DONATE:** Donate via their website. If donating for a specific cause or detainee, indicate what or who in the comment box:

https://mnicom.org

**PARTICIPATE:** Join "One Body," ISAIAH's committee of Catholics working toward justice for immigrants in Minnesota.

https://isaiahmn.org/onebody/