



# IMMACULATE HEART<sup>OF</sup>MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR JANUARY 14, 2018

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week, the U.S. Senate failed to achieve the 60 votes needed to move forward with debate on legislation to provide relief to Dreamers. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB); Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB Vice President; and Bishop Joe Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, together issued the following statement:

"We are deeply disappointed that the Senate was not able to come together in a bipartisan manner to secure legislative protection for the Dreamers. With the March 5th deadline looming, we ask once again that Members of Congress show the leadership necessary to find a just and humane solution for these young people, who daily face mounting anxiety and uncertainty.

"We are also announcing a National Catholic Call-In Day to Protect Dreamers. This coming weekend, we will be asking the faithful across the nation to call their Members of Congress next Monday, February 26, to protect Dreamers from deportation, to provide them a path to citizenship, and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors in the process.

"Our faith compels us to stand with the vulnerable, including our immigrant brothers and sisters. We have done so continually, but we must show our support and solidarity now in a special way. Now is the time for action."

**This Monday, February 26, please call our U.S. Senators and your Congressional Representative!**

**Tell them:**

- to protect Dreamers from deportation,
- to provide them a path to citizenship,
- and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors.

**Senator Johnny Isakson**

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**Senator David Purdue**

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**Find your U.S. Representative** and contact information at <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,