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SUPREME COURT ISSUES DACA DECISION

The Supreme Court ruled today that the President did not show sufficient cause for ending the DACA program. It will have to be sent back through lower courts if the Administration wishes to pursue it.

At 2 pm on Friday *Justice for Immigrants (Tony Cube, USCCB)* will host a webinar to discuss next steps.

Join the webinar at: [Bit.ly/DACA_SCOTUS](https://bit.ly/DACA_SCOTUS) Dial in for audio: (267) 279-9000, PIN 165227956#

Presenters:

- **Illisa Mira, Staff Attorney - CLINIC**
- **José Arnulfo Cabrera, Director of Education and Advocacy for Migration - Ignatian Solidarity Network**
- **Ashley Feasley, USCCB/MRS Director of Policy**

Please email acube@usccb.org with questions

Juneteenth—Friday, June 19th is a holiday celebrated to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. The Emancipation Proclamation applied only to secessionist states, and did not apply to the Union states, such as Maryland, which still had slaves. The 13th Amendment, which was ratified in 1865, finally freed slaves everywhere in the nation.

Take Action for DACA!

THE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DACA PROTECTIONS

Now the Senate Must Put Protections for Dreamers into Law

Add your Name NOW:

[Call on the Senate to pass protections for Dreamers](#)

NETWORK and our partners are united to protect Dreamers and affirm that their #HomeisHere. We urge you to [RSVP](#) and join the national [Home is Here Digital Rally](#), taking place soon. **But first, [urge the Senate](#) to protect Dreamers.**

The House successfully passed the American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6) more than a year ago, but neither H.R.6 nor the Dream Act (S.874) have received a Senate vote yet. In the wake of today's SCOTUS decision, we will deliver this petition to the Senate, to continue putting pressure on the Senate to vote on this critical legislation. Watch for future actions to take and [follow NETWORK on social media](#) for additional updates.

Please take a minute to sign our letter, showing your support for every DACA recipient whose home and future is here in the United States! [Add your name, then forward the letter to your friends and family to sign as well.](#)

Bells in honor of DACA Recipients will ring on Monday! Details to follow re. time, etc.

World Refugee Day Saturday June 20

While we have been concentrating on many issues here in the US crises continue for refugees around the world who have also been affected by covid-19. Worldwide as many as 65 million people have been displaced and have been forced out of their homes (with an estimated 34,000 people displaced per day). While the majority of forced migrants remain in their home countries, 26 million have been forced to flee and seek refuge in other countries. Over half of these refugees are under the age of 18.

Those who live in refugee camps are affected by the disease of poverty and lack of food. The covid crisis has compounded conditions which are already serious as people live in close conditions without appropriate sanitation. Inability to social distance only exacerbates conditions which are already bad.

History:

The UN General Assembly, on 4 December 2000, adopted resolution 55/76 where it noted that 2001 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) had agreed to have International Refugee Day coincide with Africa Refugee Day on 20 June. The General Assembly therefore decided that 20 June would be celebrated as World Refugee Day.

Opportunities to Help:

Continue to advocate for refugee resettlement in the US where only a small portion of refugees have been allowed to settle by restrictions made by the current administration.

Donate to Relief organizations:

Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org/donate/help-where-its-needed-most?gclid=Cj0KCQjwoaz3BRDnARIsAF1RfLcWqCHheSwQoDM2>

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Donate, Continued:

Church World Service <https://cwsglobal.org/>

Prayer for Refugees



Good and Gracious God, we thank you for the resiliency of the Dreamers, for their courage and ability to share gifts under challenging conditions.

We come together in gratitude for their service to our communities and great contributions to our nation.

As adults, many have created their own families with children, children who are citizens.

We hold in prayer legislators who determine the future of these young people.

May they pass humane and comprehensive legislation, providing Dreamers their long awaited citizenship.

While awaiting for a resolution on DACA we pray that hope not be lost.

May Dreamers know of our support, love, action and prayers.

We stand in solidarity with them, their families and our communities.

Good and Gracious God, continue to give us the wisdom and strengthen to be a voice on their behalf.



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