

“Share the Journey”

Our Lady of the Visitation is promoting the campaign launched by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to help immigrants known as "Dreamers."

The Archdiocese is joining with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in the State of Ohio on a campaign to generate 10,000 letters to our congressional delegates across the state, urging them to support the **DREAM Act** or similar legislation to provide a path to regularize the status of immigrants brought to the United States when they were very young.

The effort is part of a two-year, worldwide "Share the Journey" campaign launched by Pope Francis on September 27 that invites all to share the difficult journey of migrants and refugees through prayer and support.

The Archdiocese will collect letters between now and December 18, International Migrants Day. "I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our solidarity with migrants and refugees in our Archdiocese," said the Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr, Archbishop of Cincinnati. "The Church stands with these brothers and sisters of ours who have journeyed great distances to find life, security, and hope for the future in our own communities.

Not only that, but we walk beside them, listening to their stories, helping bear their loads, and celebrating the gifts of culture and faith they bring to us. Through them, we are reminded of who we really are: pilgrims on a journey from this life to a greater Kingdom." You can download a sample letter to your U.S. Senators at <http://files.constantcontact.com/a2e9ddb9001/92d065eb-f2ed-4e9d-88c7-61e8a2434e5c.pdf> You can download a sample letter to your U.S. Representative at <http://files.constantcontact.com/a2e9ddb9001/a64ff70c-4f49-44a3-8c62-f571c8c7cdfc.pdf> PLEASE RETURN YOUR LETTERS TO THE PARISH OFFICE so we can forward them to the Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Thank you!

"Dreamer Talk: How Immigration Policy Impacts Real Immigrants" will be presented at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals would end. DACA will be phased out over a period of six months. You are invited to come hear the details and how this decision impacts 800,000 people currently in the United States.

The presenter will be Allison E. Herre, Esq. the Immigration Attorney/Immigration Legal Services Director at Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio. Allison Herre will be accompanied by Kenia from Honduras, who is impacted by the DACA.

Archbishop Schnurr writes, "The U.S. Catholic Church is deeply concerned by the many years of failure by Congress, whether controlled by Democrats or by Republicans, to address the plight of immigrants who were brought to the United States when they were young and who have no pathway to regularize their status. Started in 2012, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which the Trump Administration has announced will end by March 2018, has protected hundreds of thousands of young people from deportation. In our Archdiocese, many DACA youth worship in our parishes, attend our schools, and contribute to our communities. We urge Congress to provide a path to permanent residency for these young immigrants by passing the DREAM Act or similar legislation."

No registration is required. Everyone is welcome to this timely presentation at Good Shepherd on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Please contact Deacon Mark Westendorf with questions. 489-8815 ext. 714 or m.westendorf@good-shepherd.org.