



## **Dominican Sisters Conference Public Statement on The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – DACA**

We, the Dominican Sisters Conference and the Dominican Justice Promoters in the U.S., are saddened and compelled to speak out against President Trump’s removal of protection for more than 800,000 young people through the rescinding of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. These “Dreamers” were brought to the U.S. as children . . . some as infants . . . and now are in danger of deportation from the only country they have ever known.

As people of faith, we take seriously the gospel call to welcome the stranger and care for those in need. But these young men and women are not strangers; this land is their home!

We have long called for immigration reform, we now urge Congress to take immediate action to protect these young people – Americans in every sense of the word – by enacting the bipartisan Dream Act of 2017, and working for compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform for all.

*The Dominican Sisters Conference represents 6,000 Catholic sisters and their associates across the United States. The Dominican Justice Promoters represent the sisters, friars, and laity of the Dominican Family in the U.S. This statement is also posted online at . . .*

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