

U.S. Bishops' Migration Chairman Urges Immediate “Humane Solution” for Dreamers after Monday’s Supreme Court Decision

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WASHINGTON—On February 26, the U.S. Supreme Court declined the government’s request to hear its “appeal before judgment” on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) cases. Accordingly, the lower court injunctions in the California and New York, DACA cases remain in effect nationally and DACA renewals remain available to those who currently have DACA status.

In response to the Supreme Court decision, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the Committee on Migration, stated:

“Monday’s Supreme Court decision does not reduce the urgency of finding an immediate legislative solution for Dreamers, people who were brought to the United States as children and have known only our country as their home. The anxiety and uncertainty that Dreamers and their families face remain unabated. Monday was our National Call-in Day for Dreamers, when thousands of Catholics urged their leaders in Congress to protect Dreamers. These faithful took action because they recognize that protecting these young people from deportation is an issue of human life and dignity, and that a legislative solution is necessary to make that protection durable. My brother Bishops and I continue to call upon Congress to work towards a bipartisan and humane solution as soon as possible.”

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