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DACA Recipients Can Dream On

WASHINGTON, DC — The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns receives the news of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with great joy and relief. With this long-awaited victory, DACA recipients can now take deep breaths and continue to dream of bright futures here in the United States, their true home.

"Through personal encounters and at marches and rallies in Washington DC, we have heard and witnessed the heartache and resilience of DACA recipients and their families as they have fought against the constant threat of deportation and for the government to recognize that their home is here," said Susan Gunn, Director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. "While the work for a permanent solution for DACA recipients and their families must continue, this decision provides welcome relief and hope for these hardworking immigrant youth who so enrich our communities and congregations. "

We urge the Trump administration to fully and immediately reinstate the DACA program, so that younger immigrants may apply, and we urge Congress to quickly follow with a legislative solution, such as H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, to provide a permanent pathway to citizenship for Dreamers. As we celebrate this victory, we continue to cry out, "Justice for Dreamers, justice for immigrants!"

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