

## More Catholic Church Information on Immigration

*(Quotes from Pope Francis)*

*"A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity."*

*(June, 2018)*

*"Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed. May our hearts not be closed as were the houses in Bethlehem."* (2018)

*"Builders of walls, be they made of razor wire or bricks, will end up becoming prisoners of the walls they build."* (Apr, 2019)

*"We cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life."*

*(June, 2020)*

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#### US Bishops Oppose Trump Immigration Plan, Say Families Are Foundational

"We oppose proposals that seek to curtail family-based immigration and create a largely 'merit-based' immigration system."

"Families are the foundation of our faith, our society, our history, and our immigration system."

"Family is the place in which we are formed as persons."

#### Catholic Bishops Urge US Senate To Pass A Delayed Immigration Reform Bill

June 5, 2020

Bishop Mario Dorsonville, auxiliary bishop of Washington, issued a statement challenging the Senate to reconsider the American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6).

"One year ago, today the House of Representatives passed H.R.6, a bill offering a pathway to citizenship to Dreamers, TPS and DED holders. Today, sadly, Dreamers and TPS holders remain vulnerable and without permanent legal status," he said.

*America: The Jesuit Review (June 18, 2020)*

#### Catholic Bishops Praise Supreme Court Decision Preserving DACA

The 5-4 decision was a blow to the Trump administration, which has advocated to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

"First, to DACA youth, through today's decision and beyond," the bishops said in a statement issued on June 18, "we will continue to accompany you and your families. You are a vital part of our church and our community of faith. We are with you."

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*The Catholic World Report (October 6, 2020)*

#### US Bishops Oppose Immigration Raids

"We recognize the right of nations to control their borders in a just and proportionate manner. However, broad enforcement actions instigate panic in our communities and will not serve as an effective deterrent to irregular migration."

"Instead, we should focus on the root causes in Central America that have compelled so many to leave their homes in search of safety and reform our immigration system with a view toward justice and the common good."

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#### Immigration is a PRO-LIFE ISSUE



Photo taken from a helicopter above a Border Patrol station in McAllen, Texas, show the shoddy conditions migrant families are subjected to while they're being processed. The families have been placed in the fenced-in parking lot of the facility, with a canvas tent set up to shelter them. Migrants and young children can be seen sleeping and lying on the ground, with only thin mylar blankets for protection.