



Lenten Action for Dreamers: Congressional Call-In Campaign

Please participate in the Call-in Day to Congress on **Monday, February 26, 2018!** Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation as soon as March 6, unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them. Please follow these easy steps to help:

1. Please call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard, and **press 1 to connect to your Senators**. Once you are connected to each Senator's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver this simple message:**

"I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

- *Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a path to citizenship.*
- *Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.*
- *As a Catholic, I know that families are not "chains," but a blessing to be protected.*
- *Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters."*

2. Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and **press 2 to connect to your Representative**. Once you are connected to the Representative's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver the same message as above**.

After completing your call, please go to <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org> to learn more about Dreamers and find other ways to voice your support.



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Talking Points for Introduction of National Call-In Day for Dreamers

- There is a **pressing issue** before our country today: the future of a very important group of young immigrants called the “Dreamers”.
- Dreamers are the 1.8 million young people who were brought to the United States as children by their parents **through no fault of their own**. They often know America as their only home.
- Dreamers are **woven into the fabric of our country** and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American. They are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes.
- They live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society. They should not have to live their lives in **constant fear of deportation**, which brings with it separation from their families and real dangers of violence and poverty in their countries of birth.
- It is both our moral duty and in our nation’s best interest to protect Dreamers and allow them to reach their God-given potential. Some enjoy limited legal protection now, but those protections will begin to **expire on March 5**.
- Congress is deadlocked over this important issue, and so I urge you to take a few moments on this coming **Monday, February 26**, to join with Catholics across the country in calling their Senators and Representatives to urge them to give Dreamers protection and a path to citizenship.
- To make this easier, you will find **an insert in your bulletin** with all the information you’ll need, including the toll-free number to call to reach Congress, and a message you can share with your legislators.
- Thank you for taking action on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, who are among **the vulnerable in our society**.