## Why We Are Advocating 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.

• Thank you for taking action on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, who are among the vulnerable in our society.



