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COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Diocese of Rockford joins USCCB

In National Call-in Day For Dreamers on February 26

The Diocese of Rockford joins with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' President, Vice President, and Migration Chair in encouraging Catholics to join in a National Call-in Day for Dreamers for February 26. Below is the press release issued by the USCCB regarding this event. You are encouraged to make your parishioners aware of this call to action and invite them to participate.

Feel free to duplicate the press release below and to post along with the link to the USCCB video on this event.

<https://youtu.be/z77N6mEWN4o>

USCCB President, Vice President, and Migration Chair Announce National Call-in Day for Dreamers for February 26

February 19, 2018

WASHINGTON—Late last week, the Senate failed to achieve the 60 votes needed to move forward with debate on legislation to provide relief to Dreamers. **Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, USCCB President; Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB Vice President; and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration, together issued the following statement:**

"We are deeply disappointed that the Senate was not able to come together in a bipartisan manner to secure legislative protection for the Dreamers. With the March 5th deadline looming, we ask once again that Members of Congress show the leadership necessary to find a just and humane solution for these young people, who daily face mounting anxiety and uncertainty.

"We are also announcing a National Catholic Call-In Day to Protect Dreamers. This coming weekend, we will be asking the faithful across the nation to call their Members of Congress next Monday, February 26, to protect Dreamers from deportation, to provide them a path to citizenship, and to avoid any damage to existing protections for families and unaccompanied minors in the process.

"Our faith compels us to stand with the vulnerable, including our immigrant brothers and sisters. We have done so continually, but we must show our support and solidarity now in a special way. Now is the time for action." (END)

Established in 1908, the Diocese of Rockford is comprised of 105 parishes in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, JoDaviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties in Northern Illinois serving a Catholic population of more than 300,000. For more about the Catholic Diocese of Rockford visit www.rockforddiocese.org.