



Bishops' Statements of Support for the Catholic Day of Action with Dreamers

The Archdiocese of Newark supports Bishop John Stowe and the other participants in the Catholic Day of Action. May your testimony soften the hearts of our legislators so that justice may flourish for our brothers and sisters, the Dreamers. Count on our prayerful solidarity.

*Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark*

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We in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe send our prayerful support to those who are participating in the Catholic Day Of Action. We stand with you as you give witness to the Gospel in Washington, DC, by being a light for those living in the shadows in our country. You are a voice for the voiceless and we pray that your witness will move the hearts of our legislators and prompt them to find a solution for our Dreamers. God bless you all.

*Archbishop John C. Wester
Archdiocese of Santa Fe*

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In support of this Catholic Day of Action with Dreamers, I encourage all Catholics and Non-Catholics to support and continue to pray for a just and loving solution for all Dreamers and those who seek to make a better life for themselves and their families in our great country. We must be united and Share the Journey with our immigrant and refugee sisters and brothers.”

*Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle*

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As a Church on the border, the Catholic communities of San Diego and Imperial Counties witness daily to the suffering of the undocumented and the threats to their family life. The Dreamers are young men and women of immense promise and love for our country who never knowingly broke the law, but are faced with the loss of their jobs and deportation because our

broken political system cannot enact into law the conviction of the overwhelming majority of Americans that these young people should not be punished for the actions of their parents.

We join in supporting the direct action on behalf of the Dreamers which seeks to enlist the strong traditions of the civil rights movements in the United States to focus the conscience of the nation on the need to recognize the Gospel call to safeguard the human rights of the Dreamers at this critical moment when they are faced with enormous peril.

Bishop Robert McElroy
Diocese of San Diego

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The key principles of Catholic social teaching demand our solidarity in defending the dignity and well-being of immigrants, migrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters within the one human family, the family of God. Thus, I offer my full support to the Catholic Day of Action for our sisters and brothers known as Dreamers who have become intricately woven into the very fabric of American life in this country known as a “land of immigrants.” Together, let us *Share the Journey* with the Dreamers and their families by means of prayer and advocacy toward a solution that is marked by a true sense of both justice and mercy.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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I invite Minnesotans of good will to join me in praying for those who will be participating in the *Catholic Day of Action with Dreamers* scheduled for Tuesday, February 27. Called to put our faith into action, let us look for concrete ways of supporting the Dreamers in our communities and communicating to our lawmakers in Washington the urgency and importance of finding a just and compassionate solution for these young people.

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis