

## **“I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me.” Matthew 25:35**

Missionary Oblates JPIC joins other faith communities, religious leaders and immigrant rights groups in expressing a deep disappointment over the decision to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). As a faith community, we believe DACA should be preserved and expanded with more opportunities to these talented young immigrants. The decision by the Trump Administration to end DACA which is helping millions of young migrants is a setback.

Our faith tradition demand that we extend a welcoming hand to those in need especially the vulnerable children. These young migrants entered the United States as children and know United States as their only home.

Reacting on the decision to end DACA, Dr. Victor Carmona, Theologian and Associate Professor who is also a member of Missionary Oblates JPIC committee says, “the decision to ending DACA reflects fear rather than faith, hope, love, prudence, justice, temperance, fortitude, or justice.” He further cautioned that now more than ever Congress and Administration must move beyond fear of reform and act on comprehensive immigration reform.

As we move forward, we join other faith organizations including US Catholic Bishops in urging that Members of Congress lead by example and compassion by co-sponsoring STAND IN SUPPORT OF DREAMers and [co-sponsor the DREAM Act of 2017 \(S. 1615 / H.R. 3440\)](#). These bipartisan effort will ensure the safety and dignity of nearly one million young immigrants who are contributing to our communities and love this country, but who may be at risk for deportation.