

JPIC ROUND UP for Week of October 21, 2019

Call to protect our vulnerable brothers and sisters.....

HOME IS HERE – Protecting DACA and TPS



On **Nov. 12th**, the Supreme Court will begin proceedings to review the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)* program. Their decision will determine the fate of over 700,000 young people, who through DACA have been able to go to college, secure employment, access healthcare, and not have to fear being deported and separated from their families. The fate of 320,000 *Temporary Protected Status (TPS)* recipients also lies in the courts. TPS has allowed immigrants who cannot return to their countries because of a natural disaster or violence to live safely in the US with their families. Like DACA, TPS recipients face the possibility of losing their protections.

Home is Here: *March for DACA and TPS* is a critical organizing opportunity to: 1) Re-connect with the American public about the importance of fighting to protect DACA and TPS; 2) Mobilize DACA and TPS recipients across the country; 3) Lay the groundwork

necessary for a pathway to citizenship for all non-citizen migrants, including DACA and TPS folks. The march will begin in New York on Oct. 26th, will stop in Philadelphia on Oct. 31 and Baltimore, MD on Nov.7 before finally arriving to Washington, DC on Nov.10. Participants will march to the Supreme Court together on November 12, when the court will hear oral arguments for DACA.

More information about the march can be found on the website at (<http://homeisheremarch.org>).

PRAYER: God of all people, help our lawmakers to see the DACA and TPS recipients as our sisters and brothers in need. Give them the courage and wisdom to protect the vulnerable who have left their homelands seeking safety and protection from violence and injustice. Amen.

ACTION: Reach out to any DACA or TPS recipients you may know in support of the march and pray for their safety. Use the above prayer in conjunction with Morning or Evening Prayer from Oct. 26-Nov.12 (during the march to DC)

Call to protect our common home....

Have you read *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis? Are you interested in discussing it with other sisters? The JPIC tem would like to explore opportunities to create **Laudate Si Circles**. We will make materials available at the upcoming Assembly for those who would like to start a LS Circle and also for those who would like to join one either at the Motherhouse or in a local community. You could also start one in your local parish community to spread awareness of Pope Francis's urgent call to care for our common home. Please **sign up at the JPIC table** or speak to me if you want to take action on behalf of our suffering planet through a deepening awareness, prayer and a better understanding of how our actions now will impact the future of our brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable.

PRAYER: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. (Pope Francis)

ACTION: Learn more about Pope Francis's Encyclical on Climate Change at: <http://igsol.net/pope-ecology> and start or join a Laudato Si Circle.



SCC Justice in Action – We would like to publish a quarterly JPIC newsletter that would highlight all that you are doing on mission and in the Motherhouse to further the cause of justice for the marginalized globally and in your communities. Please send me the information with a picture (if possible) at patriceowens1951@gmail.com. It is time to shout out and share!

REMINDERS FOR OUR UPCOMING ASSEMBLY:

- 1) Bring a mug to use for coffee. (You are helping the environment.)
- 2) Donate a box of diapers / baby wipes or money to the Passaic Neighborhood Women's Center. (You are helping our immigrant families in Passaic.)

In response to God's call... we commit to the "new wine" of:

Radical, fearless love....

Peace and healing for those who are unheard and unseen in our world....