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### MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Reverend Monsignor J. Brian Bransfield, General Secretary *Abb*

Date: December 21, 2017

Subject: Memorandum from Mr. James Rogers and Mr. Greg Erlandson

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Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the attached memorandum from Mr. James L. Rogers, Chief Communications Officer, and Mr. Greg Erlandson, Director of Catholic News Service, in which they provide a digital content package for free use in diocesan/archdiocesan websites, social media, and publications. This package focuses on individuals who will be impacted by any legislative action concerning the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program.

Thank you for your kind attention to this memorandum.

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T0: All Bishops

FROM: James L. Rogers, Chief Communications Officer  
Greg Erlandson, Director, Catholic News Service *GE*

Re: CNS Issue Alert highlighting the impact of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA

Your Eminence/ Your Excellency,

When the Trump Administration last September rescinded the Obama Administration's executive order protecting undocumented young people who had been brought to this country as children, the President gave six months for Congress to pass the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or DREAM Act. As 2017 draws to a close, Congress now has three months left to decide on the fate of 800,000 young people, many of whom have spent most of their lives in this country.

Catholic News Service and the USCCB's Department of Communications are happy to offer the enclosed digital content package for free to use in diocesan/archdiocesan websites, social media and publications. This package focuses on individuals who will be impacted by any legislative relief, or lack thereof, concerning their status in this country.

Catholic News Service, working with Catholic editors around the country, will continue to tell the stories of DACA recipients who now call this country home. This project is a work in progress, but we would like to share with you a few of these stories as well as additional background your editors may find useful.

In this "Issue Alert," Catholic News Service is offering the following articles for free to all Catholic dioceses, diocesan websites, social media and print publications, whether clients of Catholic News Service or not.

If you have other story suggestions or further questions regarding Catholic News Service, please contact Greg Erlandson directly at [gerlandson@catholicnews.com](mailto:gerlandson@catholicnews.com).



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## *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA*

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*We hope that you will use these resources to inform your people and increase awareness of this important issue and the impact it will have on hundreds of thousands of lives. And be sure to keep an eye out for more CNS stories, videos and photos highlighting this important issue in the new year.*

Meet some of the Dreamers who will be affected by any decision by Congress to address, or ignore, the plight of young immigrants raised in this country, which they call their home. Students, tutors, a small business owner: All contributing to the society they have grown up in, but now at risk for deportation. <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/12/19/for-dreamers-u-s-is-the-only-home-they-know/>

"This is our country. This is all we know." Mirna Lozano was 4 years old when she arrived in the United States. Today this former class president is a youth minister who is grateful for the support the Church has given her. <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/12/20/dreamer-wants-congress-to-save-daca-so-she-can-minister-at-her-parish/>

A mother of three Dreamers has been fasting in front of Congress for her children and others who now are at risk for deportation. Her children – a businessman, an undergrad and a graduate student – exemplify the gifts these children bring to their adopted country: <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/12/08/mother-of-three-dreamers-holds-fast-on-hill-for-passage-of-dream-act/>

Video of a Dreamer at Trinity Washington University who hopes one day to be a teacher. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBKC06kjUVw&feature=youtu.be> Accompanying print story: <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/12/08/trinity-student-studies-works-to-create-her-preferred-future/>

"We're not a political hot potato!" Original reaction to the Trump Administration's announcement that it would rescind DACA. <https://cnstopstories.com/2017/09/05/announced-end-to-daca-program-is-reprehensible-u-s-bishops-say/>

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