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Acting in Solidarity with DACA Recipients Following 5th Circuit Court Ruling

On Wednesday, October 5, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, upholding a lower court's injunction. This ruling means that —for now — the DACA program remains temporarily open for renewals, however, its fate in the future is precarious. We await the ruling of Judge Hanen in Texas to determine if the new DACA regulation issued by the Biden Administration is unlawful. Leading **immigration advocates** across the country anticipate a grim outlook for the survival of DACA. For a decade, DACA has provided temporary work permits and protection from deportation to hundreds of thousands of young people who arrived to the United States as children.

As sisters, associates, and partners in mission who care for the dear neighbor, we extend our solidarity to DACA recipients, who continue to live with the instability of the program and whose immigration status is subject to the whims of court decisions. "Uplifting the dignity and rights of DACA recipients — and all our immigrant siblings — is a fundamental way for us to live our collective call to be a healing and unifying presence in the world," said Sr. Maryellen Kane, executive director of the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For decades, Sisters of St. Joseph and their partners in mission have cared for the needs of recent arrivals to the United States, celebrated the dignity of immigrants, and advocated for just and humane immigration reform. We urge Congress and President Biden to implement a permanent path to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants.

We encourage our sisters, associates, agrégées, St. Joseph Worker community, and partners in mission to act:

1. Contact Congress: Pass A Permanent Pathway to Citizenship for Immigrant Youth **– action alert** via **National Immigrant Law Center**
2. Sponsor DACA Renewal fees: donate to United We Dream's **DACA Renewal Fund** or **Catholic Charities of San Diego.**
3. Connect with a local college or university and contribute to a designated scholarship for DACA recipients, Dreamers, or undocumented students.
4. Uplift stories of DACA recipients and immigrants and the positive impacts they have had on our communities, amplifying their voices.

The U.S. Federation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph is a dynamic union of all the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the United States who claim a common origin in the foundation at LePuy, France in 1650. Today there are approximately 3,153 vowed members as well as 3,013 associates and 43 agrégées in the United States. Worldwide there are over 10,749 Sisters of Saint Joseph and 4,399 associates in over 50 countries.