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U.S. Supreme Court Decision - DACA Stays. We Need Permanent Congressional Response

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd Sisters across the United States welcome the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold DACA indicating that the Trump Administration has failed to give an adequate documentation or explanation of why DACA should be rescinded.

"We feel the weight lifted from the shoulders of those young people who have been living in a sort of purgatory and we press Congress for a permanent resolution keeping Dreamers in the United States," said Lawrence E. Couch, Director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

"These young people have had their lives thrown into turmoil because of hatred and fear. How cruel it would have been to force them out of the only land they have known. I pray that they now find peace and welcome," said Sr. Maureen McGowan, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of New York/Toronto.

"Young people bring such zest to life and work so hard to improve their communities. They are known as Dreamers. They are. We all are. We need dreams and today the Supreme Court gave the Dreamers their dreams back," said Sr. Francesca Aguillón, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Central South.

"With all that this world is enduring due to Covid, some bad dreams are coming to an end. We all hope that these young people and their families know how much they are appreciated and welcomed by the vast majority of people living in this country. More now than ever, we hope that everyone sees one another as a member of the human family," said Sr. Madeleine Munday, RGS, Province Leader for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America.

Couch called for a renewal of reform legislation. "Congress should take advantage of this decision and this unprecedented time to join together and demonstrate unity for all of America. Congress should pass new immigration reform welcoming more immigrants and asylum seekers and adding to the vibrancy of America," he said.

[The National Advocacy Center](http://www.gsadvocacy.org) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, survivors of human trafficking, survivors of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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