

## Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Priests, Deacons, Principals & Business Managers

FROM: Most Reverend George A. Sheltz *+ Gas*  
Auxiliary Bishop & Chancellor

DATE: September 11, 2017

RE: **\*\*Important DACA Update\*\*** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

On September 5, 2017, Cardinal DiNardo, in his capacity as President of the USCCB, joined our brother Bishops in the United States in denouncing the recent decision to cancel the DACA Program.

Over 780,000 youth have received protection from the DACA program since its inception by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2012. These youth entered the U.S. as minors and often know America as their only home. DACA provided no legal status or government benefits but did provide recipients with temporary employment authorization to work in the United States and reprieve from deportation. DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society: continuing to work and provide for their families, continuing to serve in the military, and continuing to receive an education. Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these brave young people face deportation.

The joint statement issued by the U.S. Bishops strongly urges Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution. While we await Congress' response, there are a number of **critical deadlines fast approaching** for youth participating in the DACA Program corresponding to the expiration of their current DACA authorizations. The Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance of Catholic Charities has developed a DACA Renewal Workshop to assist these young people with filing DACA Renewal Applications. This service is provided free of charge. **Please note that October 5, 2017, is the absolute deadline for filing renewal applications.** Adherence to the deadlines established by the government is critical for DACA youth to maintain their current protection under the program from deportation. A schedule of the upcoming Cabrini Center workshops is enclosed, along with additional guidance regarding DACA Rescission.

**I urge you to share this information throughout your Parish and School communities so that as many young people as possible may take advantage of this opportunity.** If you have any questions, please contact Wafa Abdin, Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance, Catholic Charities, 713.874.6549, [wabdin@catholiccharities.org](mailto:wabdin@catholiccharities.org).

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## **DACA Rescission**

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On September 5, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security released a Memorandum on Rescission of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The rescission will take place as follows:

1. DACA & EAD issued before September 5, 2017 will remain valid for the duration of the grant
2. Renewal DACA application and associated Employment Authorization:
  - a. DHS will adjudicate application accepted on or before September 5, 2017
  - b. Renewal of DACA & EAD expiring on or before March 5, 2018 must be accepted by DHS no later than October 5, 2017
3. Initial DACA applications and associated Employment Authorization:
  - a. No new application will be accepted after September 5, 2017
  - b. DHS will adjudicate applications filed before September 5, 2017
4. Advanced Parole:
  - a. Previously approved advanced parole remains valid, but CBP has discretion to admit the individual or not
  - b. No new advanced parole application will be approved
  - c. All pending advanced parole application will be administratively closed and all filing fees refunded to applicants.

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## DACA Renewal Workshop

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On September 5, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security issued a Memorandum rescinding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). If your DACA and associated Employment Authorization (EAD) will expire on or before March 5, 2018, you must file your renewal application to have it accepted by USCIS no later than October 5, 2017.

**IF YOUR DACA IS EXPIRING ON OR BEFORE MARCH 5, 2018 AND NEED HELP WITH YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION, WE CAN HELP YOU!**

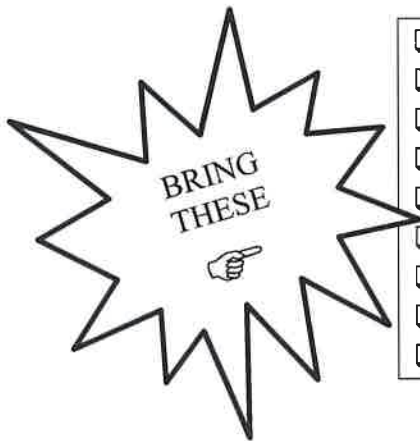
PLEASE CALL (713) 874-6570 OR (713) 595-4100 to sign up for one of the workshops below:

September 12, 2017, Tuesday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session 2: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
September 13, 2017, Wednesday	Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 14, 2017, Thursday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 16, 2017, Saturday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 19, 2017, Tuesday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 20, 2017, Wednesday	Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 22, 2017, Friday	Session 1: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
September 27, 2017, Wednesday	Session 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 30, 2017, Saturday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
October 2, 2017, Monday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session 2: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 3, 2017, Tuesday	Session 1: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session 2: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

***Service will be provided free of charge***

*Location of workshops: 2707 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77008*

Please bring the following information and documents to the workshop with you:



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Social Security card   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Employment Authorization Card                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State issued ID card   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of your last DACA Approval Notice from USCIS                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of your last DACA and Employment Authorization application  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal check or Money Order in the amount \$495 for filing fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Passport, if you have one  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Birth certificate  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Information about where and when you entered the United States   |