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Maryland Bishops Issue Statement on Immigration Reform

It is time to fix our broken immigration system and bring from out of the shadows those who labor in our fields, care for our elderly, build and maintain our homes and lawns, and who work tirelessly at jobs many American refuse to fill. Maryland's bishops have issued a statement encouraging Catholics to ask their Congressional representatives to support immigration reform. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccathcon.org/immigration.

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Maryland's bishops call on Congress to pass immigration reform as soon as possible, recognizing that an appropriate balance of necessary border safeguards is required with consideration of the human needs of immigrants who have come to our country seeking the same dream as our own ancestors. Many who come are often escaping dangerous and desperate conditions in their native lands. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccathcon.org/immigration.

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Support immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, preserves family unity, allows a legal path for low-skilled workers to obtain employment and addresses factors in other countries that force immigrants to leave their home. As Pope Francis said, "We pray for a heart which will embrace immigrants. God will judge us upon how we have treated the most needy." Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccathcon.org/immigration.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Thousands of our brothers and sisters live life in the shadows as immigrants without legal documentation. Maryland's Bishops have issued a statement encouraging Catholics to support immigration reform. Read their statement in today's bulletin.