



Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Prayer and Action Network

TIME FOR IMMIGRATION ACTION: From Cardinal Timothy Dolan: Pope Francis recently reminded us that “the measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need.” For generations, men and women have come to America’s shores in search of a better life for themselves and their families, and we’re justly proud of our heritage as a nation that welcomes people of good will.

But today, no one can be proud of the enormous underclass of undocumented workers that’s been allowed to form — millions of our neighbors who live on the margins, have their families fractured and are easily exploited. We can’t be proud of the hundreds of migrants who die in the American desert each year in their quest to support their families back home. We can’t be indifferent to these profound humanitarian problems. No wonder that, around the country, Catholics and citizens of other creeds are on the front lines in providing a compassionate response. . . .

Every day, our parishes and charitable organizations encounter people struggling to make a new life for themselves and their families. We meet families who run the risk of being torn apart. We meet migrants who risked dangerous desert passages to get here. We meet young immigrants who want to get an education, find a job and raise a family like countless others before them.

Those who caricature these immigrants as “takers” couldn’t be more wrong. The plain fact is that immigrants, including those who are undocumented, make great contributions to our economy. They spend their wages on goods and services and also start their own businesses, driving economic growth and employment in their communities.

Helping immigrants contribute to American life is what immigration reform is all about. Answering the Gospel call to “welcome the stranger” and looking to our teachings and our on-the-ground experience, the U.S. Catholic bishops have called for various reforms: a generous, earned path to citizenship; making family reunification a priority; protecting the integrity of our borders; securing due process for immigrants and their families; improving refugee protection and asylum laws, and addressing the root causes of unauthorized immigration.

Cardinal Dolan

Source: New York Daily News Op-Ed from

What can you do? Join the National Immigration Reform Call-In Day. On **Nov. 13**, Catholics from across the country will mark the feast day of Mother Frances Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants, by calling their U.S. Representatives and leaving this simple message: “*Support a path to citizenship and oppose the SAFE Act.*” You can join the call by dialing **1-855-589-5698** (toll free). After a short message from the Justice for Immigrants campaign (from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops), you will be prompted to enter your zip code to be connected to your representative’s office and leave your message.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK: Research shows that when people know how much energy they’re consuming, they use less. New software can deliver real-time information on the emissions generated by buildings, transportation, construction and more. For example, [smart phones apps](#) like [Carbon Calc](#) and [Meter Reading](#) can monitor energy use.

PRAYER: Father,

You have made us.

Red, yellow, brown, black, and white, tall and short, fat and thin, rich and poor, young and old—all are your children.

Teach us to cooperate rather than to compete, to respect rather than to revile, to forgive rather than to condemn.

Your son turned from no one. May we learn, like him, to be open to the share of the divine that you have implanted in each of your sons and daughters.

And may we forge a bond of love that will make a living reality the brotherhood in which we profess to believe.

Source: Christopher Prayers for Today