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If Obama-era DACA Falls Before a Federal Court Challenge What Will Happen to Dreamers?

~ by Kevin Clarke for AMERICA

J. Kevin Appleby, the acting executive director of the Center for Migration Studies of New York, acknowledges that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has been a consistent supporter of immigrants and immigration reform, but he says it is time for the bishops to consider a more high-profile gesture for one adjacent issue in particular. His idea: a Mass at the National Shrine in Washington to express support for “Dreamers.”

He is speaking of a unique class of near-Americans citizens – undocumented immigrants, often referred to as Dreamers, who are registered with the federal government under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA).

As another in a series of federal court challenges filed by the attorneys general of nine southern states threatens to terminate the program, there is special urgency to address the plight of DACA holders: A ruling against the program could mean that after years of personal and civic struggle, DACA recipients would once again face the possibility of deportation.



DACA holders are not quite citizens and DACA itself does not create a path to citizenship, but they are protected from deportation and allowed to live and work and raise families in the United States. DACA recipients must re-register with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services every two years to remain in good standing with the program. On April 13, President Joe Biden announced that DACA holders will be allowed to access government-funded health insurance programs.

Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, first introduced the [Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act](#), known colloquially as the Dream Act in 2001 beginning a legislative odyssey that has now spanned two decades. The act has been reprinted and reintroduced every two years since its debut, and major components of the Dream Act have been included in a number of comprehensive immigration reform packages that have likewise failed to make it through Congress.

“Dreamers have lived in America since they were children, built their lives here and are American in every way except their immigration status,” Senator Durbin said. “Passing the Dream Act is a matter of simple American fairness and justice that would provide Dreamers the sense of stability they deserve and a path to lawful permanent residence.”

In an interview with AMERICA, Mr. Durbin stated, “I have never understood the opposition to DACA and the Dreamers,” Mr. Durbin says. Despite the anxieties and fears among some native-born Americans, “immigrants in our country, particularly Dreamers,” he adds, “are teachers, nurses, small business owners and members of the military. We rely on them to keep our economy running, care for our loved ones and provide services in our community. America is a country of immigrants, and we should legislate accordingly.”



In fact, according to FWD.is, an immigration advocacy group, during the COVID-19 crisis, DACA recipients represented 200,000 of the essential workers who were regularly lauded by politicians throughout the pandemic, including nearly 30,000 health care workers.

Many legislators believe that the time for addressing major inconsistencies in the U.S. immigration process is far past due. The current immigration system in the United States is broken, Mr. Durbin says. “It’s been more than 30 years since Congress has passed meaningful immigration reform. We need an orderly process for immigration in America that works for both immigrants and our nation’s security and economy, so that immigrants have lawful pathways to bring their children to the United States.”

Targeted by congressional critics from the start as executive overreach, DACA has run a judicial gauntlet over the last decade. As appeals continue, the fate of the Dreamers may in the end be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. But despite the court’s conservative majority, “it’s not an automatic assumption that they’re gonna strike it down,” Mr. Appleby says. To read the full account, please click [here](#)



Ninety Candles on Her Cake

Recently, Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC celebrated her 90th birthday. She and her twin, the late Sr. Loretta Palamara, MSC were born on April 13, 1933. Sr. Loretta passed in February 1997. She is sorely missed.



Sr. Regina Peterson, MSC (l.) and Sr. Antonina Avitabile, MSC (r.) were in attendance for the 90th birthday celebration of Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC.

Sr. Regina moved to Burbank CA in 2002 to be with her mother who was not well. After her mother passed she stayed in Burbank and found her mission in her new parish, St Finbar. Sr Regina has ministered to the elementary school children and other people in the parish. She is also involved with the Cabrini Literary Guild, Cabrini Philosophy Club and Cabrini Companions. She is often asked to meet with the Knights of Columbus-Cabrini Council and other organizations. She is very well known and loved. Her biggest contribution, I was told by many, was her teaching everyone about Saint Frances X. Cabrini.



Sr. Regina offered the homily at the special Mass.

On Sunday, April 23rd, a Mass was offered for her intentions at St Finbar Church and a party held in the parish hall afterward. I, along with Sr Regina Peterson, MSC had the honor to be present. The church was over filled with its capacity as was the church hall. Sr Regina also was honored by her pastor, Fr. Francis, to give the homily at Mass.

There was also a presentation by Senator Anthony Portantino with a Citation by the State of California Senate honoring her for all the work she has done.

~ submitted by Sr Antonina Avitabile MSC



The Cabrini Plaza was dedicated to Sr. Regina.

Mother Cabrini and the Coronation Processions

Members of the Cabrini family in London, and indeed, further afield, will be watching the Coronation Procession of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on television on Saturday 6th of May.

It may be interesting to learn that we will be following in the footsteps of Mother Cabrini, who watched the coronation processions of not one, but two English kings. They were Edward VII, the great great grandfather of King Charles, and George V, the great grandfather of Charles, and Mother Cabrini was there in person!

In 1902, Mother Cabrini was setting up the first London school in Brockley, when she and some sisters watched the procession for Edward VII and Queen Alexandra on 9th August. Preparations for the coronation were in full swing when Mother Cabrini arrived at Victoria Station from Paris, with her companions, on 5th August. She wrote:

'owing to the approaching ceremonies of the coronation of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, it was difficult to find lodging in the great metropolis, where there were already assembled representatives from every part of the world.' ~ *Travels of Mother Cabrini, London to New York, August 1902*

Fortunately, they were able to stay with the Servite Sisters. They were invited to view the

Coronation Procession at the house of one of the King's courtiers. This was probably a friend of the Countess Spottiswood Mackin, a well-connected heiress from the United States, who helped Mother Cabrini in Paris. Mother Cabrini was impressed by the procession. She wrote to the superior in Rome:

'The family of one of the King's courtiers invited me to their house to view the celebrations for the King, I accepted straight away, and I was able to view the imposing coronation procession.' ~ *To Gesuina Diotti, 12.8.1902, Epistolario, p.51* *Continued on next page...*



The Coronation Procession of George V and Queen Mary in London on June 23, 1911. ~ *Photo: Royal Progress London 1911- Wikimedia Commons*

In 1911, Mother Cabrini was in Honor Oak and took sisters and children to see the procession of George V and Queen Mary pass through nearby Canberwell, on 23rd June 1911. The house annals record the following:

'Some of our friends who live where the King and procession passed invited Mother to go to their house. Mother General was happy to be able to take some of us sisters and the children. The royal procession was truly solemn in every sense of the word.' ~ *Memorie della Fondazione del collegio in Forest Hill, Woodville Hall, Honor Oak Road, p. 80* ~ *with thanks to Maria Williams, PhD*



Cabrini High School Freshman Earns Honors



Cabrini High School freshman Marcia Quispe (r.) receives her award presented by Maria Page, Honorary Consul of Spain (l.) accompanied by Cabrini Assistant Principal Vivian Deschapelles Coutin (c.)

Cabrini High School freshman, Marcia Quispe, has been awarded the Jose Luis Banos Award for Excellence in Spanish by Sociedad Espanola.

The Honorary Consul of Spain in New Orleans, Maria Page, presented the award to Marcia Quispe at a ceremony hosted by Sociedad Espanola. Cabrini Assistant Principal and AP Spanish Instructor Vivian Deschapelles Coutin accompanied Quispe and as President of Sociedad, she opened the ceremony with a talk to the students about the importance of Spanish in the 21st Century. ~ *submitted by Madeline LeBlanc, CHS*

Congratulations, Marcia!

One Minute Meditation

Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.

~ St. Louis de Montfort

The Formative Education of the Heart

Dr. Nick Rademacher, former faculty member at Cabrini University in Radnor, PA, is now on the faculty of the University of Dayton, in Dayton, OH. The photo clip below is from an article that recently appeared in the *University of Dayton Magazine*. Nick and his faculty colleague, Joy Willenbrink Conte, taught together in new 12-week minicourse, entitled *Educating the Whole Person*.

In the article, Nick states, “My approach to teaching and learning has been inspired by the educational philosophy of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an immigrant to the United States and the first U.S. saint, who wrote about the ‘education of the heart’. This approach seeks to facilitate intellectual development and the formation of one’s heart and then putting that into action in service of others. That’s one of the reasons why I really appreciate the title of this mini-course.”

We are grateful to Nick for continuing to espouse and model the “Education of the Heart” as he teaches his students at the University of Dayton. We are also grateful to Michelle Sherman, Nick’s wife and a former Cabrini Mission Corps missionary, for sending this article to *The Update*. Nick and Michelle continue hold the Cabrinian charism deep within their hearts. ~ our thanks to Michelle Sherman for sharing this good news.

OFFICE HOURS

Two peas in a parachute

Two professors and their students explore community-engaged partnerships while having fun exploring engagement and vocation.

IN SPANISH, "EL PUENTE" MEANS "THE BRIDGE" — A FITTING SYMBOL for two professors working across disciplines: Joy Willenbrink-Conte, lecturer in music therapy, and Nicholas Rademacher, professor of religious studies. Spring semester, in a new 12-week minicourse, their students are partnering with El Puente, an education center in Dayton for Latino families and students. The minicourse, *Educating the Whole Person*, explores UD's distinctive strength at building community partnerships. It is funded by two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and funds will be used by the students to create meaningful final projects for the partner organizations. Just as the course is bridging disciplines through collaborative teaching and attracting students of varied majors, it will also create a framework that could help ground all UD students in the study of the humanities, service to others and vocational discernment.

Joy Willenbrink-Conte
Lecturer, music therapy

Nicholas Rademacher
Professor, religious studies

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Thursday
May 25, 2023

Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill Mansion
Tarrytown, New York

6 pm - Cocktail Reception
7 pm - Dinner

We would like to invite the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be our guests at this event. Please RSVP to Susan Herceg at (914) 693-6800 ext. 502 or sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org if you plan on attending.

Free Jazz Concerts on the Lawn



**Every Thursday in May at
6:30pm**

The **Multicultural Music Group** is back with jazz from around the world. Bring a blanket, a neighbor, and a picnic and enjoy great music and a sense of community!

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May 4: **Alec Castro Sextet** explores the African Influence on music of the Americas

May 11: **Rogério Boccato Quartet** plays the rhythms of Brazil

May 18: **Annette Aguilar Sextet** with Afro-Cuban and Afro-Brazilian jazz

May 25: **Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet** gets you moving with the music of Argentina

In case of rain or unseasonably cold weather, these concerts will be held indoors.

Concerts at St. Frances X. Cabrini Shrine, NYC



Birthday Blessings

Yesterday, May 3rd, was Sr. Grace Waters' turn to blow out the candles on her birthday cake. Sr. Grace turned 91 years of age.

Sr. Grace said she was grateful to be celebrating with all her friends at Sacred Heart Convent in New York City.

Sr. Grace, may God bless you with good health and much joy.





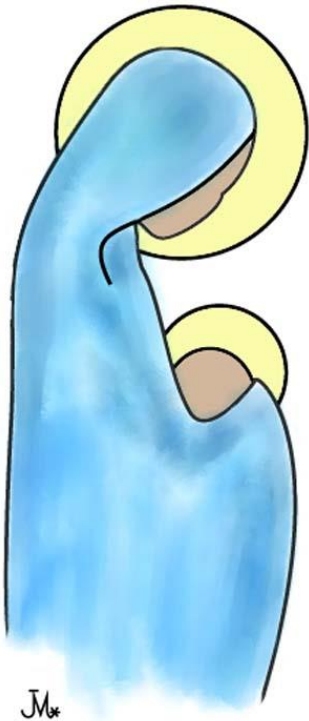
For more information and to purchase tickets: www.cis-nyc.org/celebrate

Prayer Requests

In Loving Memory

Walter Green

It is with sadness that the Cabrini University community shares the passing of Walter Green, the husband of retired faculty member Raquel Green, PhD. Mr. Green passed away rather suddenly on Monday, May 1st. Please keep Dr. Green and her sons in your prayers at this sad time.



May is the Month of Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.