

**January 7, 2018**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Masses:**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am*  
*Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am*

**Weekend Masses:**

*Saturday Morning - 9:00am*  
*Saturday Evening - 5:00pm*  
*Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

**Baptisms**

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

## Thoughts from Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am hoping and trusting that you have begun 2018 with a positive determination. I am writing this bulletin before leaving for Kenya to inform you that while I will be away, the pastor's reflection column will be written by different members of the various ministries of our parish. The aim of their reflections is to open them to you and let you know what gifts they have brought to our community, and how they use them in our parish.

I am very fortunate with our community; we are very generous with our gifts that God has given us. For example, we exceeded last year by raising over \$8,000 in our 2017 Catholic Annual appeal. This money was given to us 100 % to meet our daily expenses. Together, let us thank God for having guided us as we navigated the year 2017. Every day is a blessing and we have a duty to say thank you to God. Do we need to thank God all the time? Yes we do. Does God get tired of us thanking Him all the time? The answer is no. Why don't we thank Him once instead of doing it over and over? This is because there is a distinction between a Creator and creatures. We as human beings are created by God to live in this world, to share and develop with others the resources that He has given us. As such, we have a responsibility to thank Him for those gifts we have received from Him. God does not depend on us, He requires nothing from us. But when we say thank you to Him, we appreciate our dependence on Him. Without Him our efforts would be useless, our survival and our ultimate destiny would have no purpose. I think it is the nature of human beings to properly give praise to God.

Many of us during this time of the year also are busy coming up with unrealistic dreams or something they will wish to accomplish during the year 2018. Common in many people's menu list is the notion that is media-driven of shaving a couple of unwanted pounds. Well, there is nothing wrong about this goal; however, there is something lacking in it. It would be better if we could set our agenda of losing some extra pounds with the help of God. When we put God first, then we can set the goals that we want to achieve. Are you one of those followers who set out to do something without even invoking God to assist? May be this year, try putting God first and ask Him to assist you in the kind of goal/s that you have set to achieve during this New Year 2018. Try setting a simple goal like: growing closer to God during this year by even going to Mass every Sunday.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The word "epiphany" means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). Today Christ continues to manifest Himself in the sacraments that we celebrate. May Christ's manifestation continue to strengthen our faith as we follow Him. Happy New Year and God bless you.

*Rev. George O. Omwando*

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

##### *Parish Pastoral Council*

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,  
Co-Chairs

##### *Parish Finance Council*

Juan Perez

##### *Spiritual Life Commission*

##### *Faith & Fellowship:*

Connie Rakitan

##### *Liturgy Committee:*

Cantors: Gail Rohmann  
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann  
Praise Choir: Julius White  
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

##### Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

##### Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

##### Servers: Kathy Paoli

##### Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

##### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

##### Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

##### *Human Concerns Commission*

##### *Peace & Justice Committee:*

Mary and Martin Senica

##### *Transportation Committee:*

Tom Farwell

##### *Education Commission*

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

##### *Religious Education of Children:*

Christine Wedekind

##### *St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:*

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

##### *Parish Development & Services Commission*

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,

Amanda Pomareda

##### *Fundraising Committee:*

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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**Weddings** - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

##### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

##### **Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins**

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

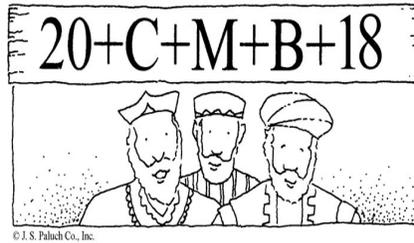
##### **Newcomers**

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

Christmas Memorial Flower envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Please consider making a donation in honor of a loved one. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.



**On the Feast of the Epiphany,** the family gathers to ask God’s blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home’s entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

**+20 C M B 18+**

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

...#They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: *Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.*

...#They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

**Parish Calendar**

**Monday January 8**

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

**Tuesday, January 9**

- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

**Wednesday, January 10**

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

**Thursday, January 11**

- 1-3PM & 6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Mtg - LMC
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

**Friday, January 12**

- 12:00-2:00 PM - School Open House - S
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C

**500 Club Certificates**

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 29th, 2017 through October 21st, 2018. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. **If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500.** Purchase forms have been mailed to registered members of the parish and are available in the back of church. This is a fun way to support the parish and it is open to everyone, not just members of our parish community. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

**500 CLUB WINNER**

**\$ 25.00**

**January 7, 2018**

**DORIS BROWN,**

**# 36**

**Food First**

Your own neighbor may be quietly visiting a food pantry, embarrassed to admit they need to supplement their daily food with help from the food pantry.....Can You Help?! Bring some food donations to Mass this week.

**End-of-Year Giving**

As we approach the end of the year, some may be looking to make special contributions in regards to tax write-offs. Consider St. Catherine-St. Lucy! Arrangements can be made for transfers of stock as well.

**Save the Date**

**Friday, January 12**

*Open House at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy School*

**Sunday, February 4 - 10:00 AM**

*African-American Heritage Celebration followed by a brunch at Maguire Hall*

**Saturday & Sunday February 10-11**

*Valentine’s Bake Sale*

**Wednesday, February 14**

*Ash Wednesday Lent Starts*



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## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Mon. January 8**

† Hazel Grayson  
By: A Friend

**Tue. January 9**

† Jerry Lewis  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Wed. January 10**

8:30 Amanda Pomareda (*Health*)  
By: A Friend

**Fri. January 12**

8:30 Fr. George Omwando (*Health*)  
By: A Friend

**Sat. January 13**

9:00 † Victoria Vera  
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † Ora Brandt  
By: Sue and Thom Schouten

**Sun. January 14**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 Melicia Remy (*Health*)  
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 † Mildred Dresselhans  
By: Donna Kanapes

### **Our Parish Stewardship** **St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**



December 31, 2017 (Regular Collection)	\$ 6,707.00
Christmas	\$ 1,065.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,967.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 2,431.00</b>

*Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)*

**Thanks for your continued financial support!**

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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### Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
- Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### JANUARY 14, 2018

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>		
Kathy Paoli	Tom Frank	Michelle Agbefe Esteban Perez
<b><u>Ministers of the Word</u></b>		
Frank Pond Christine Wedekind	Thom Schouten Peter Barber	Rachel Faulman Ken Blair
<b><u>Ministers of the Eucharist</u></b>		
<b>Chemetha Baker</b> Susan Kumler Pat Koko Dan Brown	<b>Elaine Podraza</b> Bill Cragg Marjorie Fields Kathy Mortell Kevin Kell Annie Rowan	<b>Terry Sullivan</b> Mary Howard Kim McGuire John McGuire Marie Wheel Bern Wheel

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

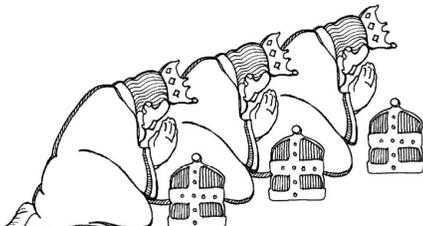
**JANUARY 14, 2018 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

Today's reading takes place eleven centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. At the shrine was the "Ark of God," a wooden chest overlaid by gold in which the Ten Commandments were kept. Eli was the high priest at the shrine. Samuel was young man in Eli's service. We will hear how God called Samuel to be a prophetic leader of Israel.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

Today and for the next few Sundays, our second reading will be from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Corinth, a port city in ancient Greece, was noted for its widespread immorality. Anything and everything was thought permissible. Paul does not counter this attitude by putting down the human body as evil or of little worth. Rather, he does just the opposite.



**Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM**

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study in the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

**Communion & Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Ernestine Bishop, James Bowers, Jarrie Brown, Rev. John Carolan, Brittany Crayton, Michael Cypser, Lillian Czaplicki, Anita Evenson, Lorri Fisk, Marcus Hall, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Ron Page, Albert Parker, Charles Powell, Jr., Ann Protz, Elias Rojas, Carlton Shanks, Kate Shoevin, Sue Vanek, and Diane Ward

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

**Remember a Loved One**

We have the 2018 Mass book available. Mass intentions are only \$10.00. Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

**Bequests**

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

*-Father George*

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**School News**

We will all be back tomorrow, Monday, January 8th.

*Happy NEW YEAR to our parish family! Thank you for all your love and support throughout the school year.*



**Religious Education**

Hope you had a Happy start for the New Year.

Please update your Calendars as these are the official dates for January 2018.

Back to class on **Wednesday, January 17th** and also on Jan. 24th, and Jan. 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Lucienne Ministry Center.

Looking forward to seeing you all this New Year.

**Updated Total Received for the 2017 Donut Day**

Here's the current total profit for the 2017 Donut Day fundraiser: **\$ 2,559.00.**

What an amazing team of people came together to lead and carry out this project. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

**Update Personal Info**

We are asking you to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please contact Amanda at: 708-386-8077 or [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

## March for Life Mass & Rally

January 14, 2018

Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago during an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. Our goal is to serve as a visual and vocal reminder that the people of Chicago and the Midwest stand for LIFE.

### Rally

The Rally will start from The Frances Xavier Warde Catholic School (Auditorium) on 751 North State Street Chicago, IL 60654

Doors open at 8 a.m. door and the rally will end at Holy Name Cathedral around 11 a.m., when Mass will be celebrated.

Cost: \$10 per ticket  
(lunch option is separate)

### Mass

Cardinal Cupich will preside  
Mass starts at 11 a.m. at Holy Name Chicago

Please visit [www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/](http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/) for more information.



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church. You can go directly to our website: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to GiveCentral

## Tradition Goes On!

**We will be taking down the decorations in the church on Tuesday, January 9th. Your help would be appreciated. The time will be from 4:00 to 6:30 pm.**

The Christmas Season comes to an end after the Baptism of the Lord which is Monday, January 9th this time around. As we have done in the past we will provide large bags for you to take a poinsettia or two or three home. Don't be shy.

Celebrate January 7th, the Epiphany (or as some know it, "Little Christmas") by bringing a plant into your home!

### Parish Calendars

The new Parish 2018 Calendars have finally arrived! They are available in the gathering area after all Masses this weekend-on.

### Little Blue Books

*(for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas)*

The Christmas Season doesn't officially end until the **Baptism of the Lord, January 8h.** These popular books ARE STILL AVAILABLE and can be obtained after the weekend Masses as well as during the week by coming to the rectory.

As usual, we are asking a voluntary donation of \$1 per Little Blue Book.



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## Epiphany

Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
**Incense** doth the God disclose;  
**Gold** a royal Child proclaimeth;  
**Myrrh** a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany;  
Prudentius, fourth century

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2018

Early in each new year, the Church enters into the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity."

This year's observance, January 18-25, is meaningful on account of the October 31 reaffirmation of the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Chicago. It included a commitment to work together to diminish the violence that afflicts our communities. In this effort, praying together is essential.

Resources for Catholic parishes and Christian congregations to pray for unity together can be found at [www.geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity](http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity).

To learn more about prayer services for unity taking place in and around Chicago during this week, visit [www.archchicago.org/eia](http://www.archchicago.org/eia).

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

*All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.*

— Psalm 72:11

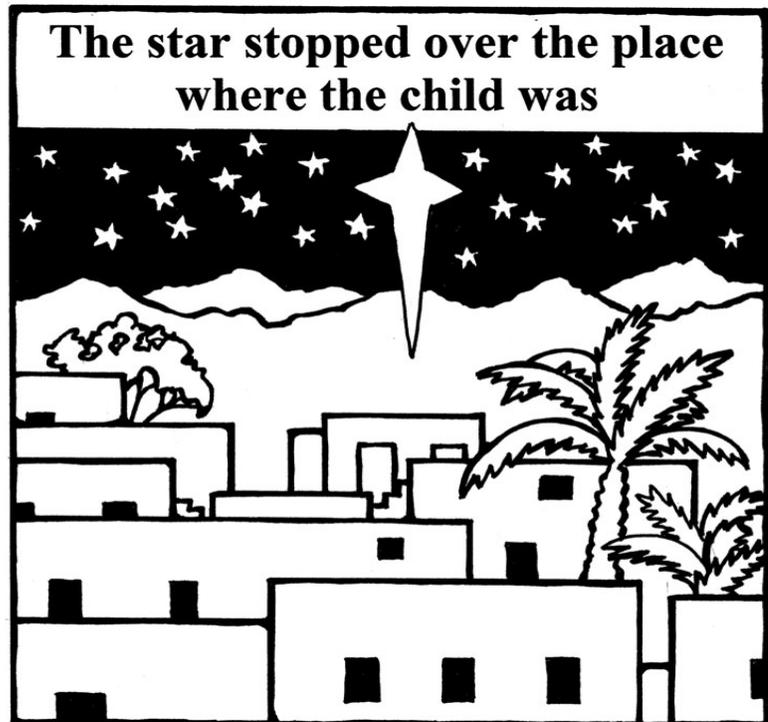
## Treasures From Our Tradition

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project.

Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright  
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### Eastern Star

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run  
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,  
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud  
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont

## Archdiocese of Chicago—National Migration Week: "Many Journeys, One Family" January 7–14, 2018

*"I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone... I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."* -Pope Francis

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the US has celebrated National Migration Week to reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Today, more than 65 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, and more than 22 million are refugees. The US is the cornerstone of the international humanitarian system. We must maintain our leadership and protect life-saving U.S. humanitarian assistance.

**ACTION:** Respond to the call and urge your legislators to protect poverty-reducing international assistance and include passage of the Dream Act (H.R. 3440/S. 1615). Visit the USCCB website: [www.JusticeforImmigrants.org](http://www.JusticeforImmigrants.org). For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

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