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## **DACA News**

**The end of the DACA program was announced on Sept. 5, 2017.**

**Here are the top 5 things to know:**

- 1. Initial Applications.** • USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) will continue to process all pending INITIAL applications ACCEPTED as of September 5, 2017. • USCIS will reject all other new INITIAL applications.
- 2. Renewal Applications.** • USCIS will continue to process all pending RENEWAL applications that have already been filed. • USCIS will continue to accept and process RENEWAL applications until October 5, 2017 from applicants whose DACA expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. DACA recipients whose DACA has already expired are no longer eligible to renew. • USCIS will reject all INITIAL and RENEWAL applications received after October 5, 2017.
- 3. Work Permits.** • If you currently have an unexpired work permit under DACA, you are allowed to keep your work permit and have the right to work legally until your work permit's expiration date. • You still have the right to apply for a new job or change jobs until your work permit expires.
- 4. Travel With Advance Parole.** • USCIS will reject all new applications for advance parole. • USCIS will close all pending applications for advance parole and refund the filing fee. • USCIS states that previously approved grants of advance parole remain valid and that individuals retain the ability to exit and return the country within the dates provided in the travel document. Individuals with a valid grant of advance parole, however, should consult with an experienced immigration service provider before leaving the country.
- 5. As people of faith, we say to DACA youth – regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you.**

For help with DACA, please call immigration attorney Bill DeSantiago at Catholic Charities, 602.749.4419

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