

Background

Restricting immigration was one of the Trump Administration's signature decisions. With the incoming Biden Administration, however, we expect a return to fairer, more humane policies for immigrants and refugees.

We are excited for those future policy changes. But until then, the current rules still stand. Understanding how to protect yourself and your families' immigration status through the upcoming transition will be crucial in the coming months. Don't fall victim to scams—stay alert.

Immigrants

HOW TO INTERACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

You have the right to remain silent and do not have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents, or other officials.

Anything you tell law enforcement can later be used against you in immigration court. Make sure you continue to consult with an attorney or organization that you trust before you file anything.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Individuals

KNOW YOUR PROGRAM

Seek reliable news about updates to the TPS program for your country, including future re-registration periods.



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients

PLAN ANY NEXT STEPS CAREFULLY

Catholic Charities is proud of the U.S. District Court in Brooklyn's decision to fully restore the DACA program. We welcome this terrific news and what it means for Dreamers. While we are elated by the recent decision, we want to extend a word of caution to the immigrant community:

- If you seek assistance with your applications, make sure you acquire legitimate representation.
- Initial DACA applications and advance parole (travel) applications are being accepted again. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for DACA, consult legal counsel to find out if you're eligible. DACA policies are subject to change, so seek reliable advice from an immigration attorney or nonprofit legal organization.
- (!) Continue to act cautiously. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Catholic Charities.

We're here to help

