

SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD **NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER** *Rise Up* AND *Act for Justice* 

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## The Time is Now NAC to Participate in Catholic Day of Action for Dreamers Tuesday, February 27

They are American in all but a piece of paper. They have plans, hopes and expectations, which are all on hold with fears that their dreams will become nightmares. And now they have run out of time, so on Tuesday, February 28, the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will participate in and serve as one of the sponsors for:

## Catholic Day of Action for Dreamers Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Press Conference at 10:30 am – Capitol Iawn (Section 8) across from Russell Sen Office Bldg Prayer Service immediately following Press Conference – in same location Prayer Service moves to Russell Rotunda

## Lawrence Couch, Director of NAC, will be in attendance and available for interviews

Participants will include Catholic Dreamers, Catholic clergy, women religious, religious brothers, Catholic lay leaders and a wide range of supporters.

"Mr. President and Members of Congress, it is wrong to play games with the lives of innocent young people. You are in a position of power, and in America we expect our leaders to lead with compassion and a light hand. The vast majority of Americans are calling on you to welcome these young people officially into the only country they have truly known," said Lawrence Couch.

This nation has a long history of welcoming immigrants. Women religious have consistently been on the forefront accompanying and serving immigrant communities. Good Shepherd Sisters remain committed to welcoming and aiding all those in need.

"Rouse your heart to love, gratitude and generosity." Saint Mary Euphrasia Foundress of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

<u>The National Advocacy Center</u> educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a

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presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.