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Honorable Members of Congress
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

We commend you as you once more take up the task of effecting comprehensive immigration reform. The Society of Jesus (“Jesuits”) sponsors a broad array of ministries in education, pastoral care and social service throughout the country. In these ministries, our members and lay colleagues, professors and students, partners and parishioners regularly witness the tragic consequences of our current immigration system.




We reiterate the call of the Catholic Bishops of the United States for immediate action on comprehensive immigration reform based on the following principles:




- A path to citizenship that ensures that all undocumented immigrants have access to full rights
- A legal employment structure that protects both migrants and United States workers
- Expedited family reunification and an end to policies and practices that exacerbate family separation
- Due process protections, and accountable and humane enforcement of our immigration laws
- Economic assistance to and fair competition with developing countries




These principles, which we outlined in detail for you in our 2011 letter, provide the framework for a comprehensive immigration reform package that is fair, just and humane. It is our sincere belief that these principles provide a blueprint for updating our nation’s immigration system in a way that promotes the common good, protects national security, respects human rights, invigorates economic growth, and acknowledges our heritage as a nation of immigrants.


Attached to this letter you will find a list of over 200 Jesuit communities, affiliated organizations, parishes and institutions throughout the United States that joined us in 2011 in calling for laws that protect our immigrant brothers and sisters. Please know that you have the support of a wide variety of our Jesuit ministries as you seek ways to welcome the stranger in our midst!

Respectfully,

  
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Ignatian Solidarity Network
Ignatian Volunteer Corps
Jesuit Commission on Social and International Ministry
Jesuit Refugee Service USA
Jesuit Secondary Education Association
Jesuit Volunteer Corps
National Jesuit Committee on Investment Responsibility

ALASKA

Brother Joe Prince Community

ALABAMA

Foley Community Service Center at Spring Hill College
Office of Campus Ministry at Spring Hill College
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill College Jesuit Community

ARIZONA

Brophy College Preparatory
Jesuit Community of Nogales
Kino Border Initiative
St. Francis Xavier Parish

CALIFORNIA

Bellarmino College Prep
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Campus Ministry and Resident Ministry at Loyola Marymount University
Casa Luis Espinal Jesuit Community
Colombière Jesuit Community
Companions in Ignatian Service & Spirituality
Cristo Rey High School
Dolores Mission Elementary School
Dolores Mission Parish
Ignatian Volunteer Corps Los Angeles
Ignatian Volunteer Corps San Diego
Ignatius House Jesuit Novitiate

CALIFORNIA (continued)

Jesuit Community at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Jesuit Community at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
Jesuit Community at the Jesuit School of Theology, LeRoy Ave.
Jesuit Community of San Diego Casa Miguel Pro
Jesuit Community of the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
Jesuit High School, Sacramento
Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos
Loyola Institute for Spirituality
Loyola Marymount University, Department of Theological Studies
Loyola Productions, Inc.
Manresa Jesuit Community of Anaheim
Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Most Holy Trinity School
Murray Residence Jesuit Community
Our Lady of Grace Nativity School
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Proyecto Pastoral, Los Angeles
Sacramento Jesuit Community
Sacred Heart Nativity School
Santa Clara Jesuit Community
St. Agnes Parish
St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
University of San Francisco
Verbum Dei High School
Verbum Dei Work Study, Inc.
Xavier College Preparatory

COLORADO

Arrupe Jesuit High School

GEORGIA

Jesuit Community at Ignatius House
Jesuit Volunteers of Atlanta

ILLINOIS

Chicago Detroit Province Staff
Chicago Jesuit Academy at Resurrection Campus
Christ the King Cristo Rey High School
Cristo Rey High School
Ignatian Spirituality Project
Jesuit Volunteer Corps Chicago North Community
Miguel Pro Jesuit Community
St. Procopius/Holy Trinity Parishes
Woodlawn Jesuit Community

INDIANA

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School

IOWA

Creighton University Retreat Center

LOUISIANA

Jesuit Fathers, Manresa Retreat House
Jesuit Novitiate, Louisiana
Jesuit Social Research Institute
Jesuit Volunteers - Henriette Delille House

Jesuit Volunteers - Thomas Stahel House
Loyola University Community Action Program
Loyola University Jesuit Community
Loyola University New Orleans Office of Mission and Ministry
Manresa Retreat House
St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic & Center for Social Justice,
Loyola University College of Law
The Jesuits of Grand Coteau
Twomey Center for Peace through Justice at Loyola University

MARYLAND

Loyola University Maryland
Loyola University Maryland, CCSJ

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor Jesuit Community
Colombiere Center Jesuit Community
JVC Detroit 7 Mile
St. Mary Student Parish at the University of Michigan

MINNESOTA

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Twin Cities
Ignatian Associates, Twin Cities
Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Minneapolis
Jesuit Novitiate
Markoe Jesuit Community, Minneapolis
St. Thomas More Catholic Community

MISSOURI

Pax Christi chapter of St. Louis University High School
Saint Louis University Department of Campus Ministry
Saint Louis University High School
White House Retreat Jesuit Community

NEBRASKA

Center for Health Policy and Ethics
Christian Life Community – North Central (WI, MN, NE, IA, SD, ND, WY)
Creighton Center for Service and Justice
Creighton Prep
Creighton Prep Jesuit Community
Creighton University
Creighton University Amnesty International
Creighton University Campus Ministry
Creighton University Center for Catholic Thought
Creighton University Collaborative Ministry
Creighton University Institute for Latin American Concerns
Creighton University Jesuit Community
Creighton University Justice and Peace Studies
Creighton University, Kripke Center for Religion and Society
Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs
Deglman Center for Ignatian Spirituality
Gesu Housing
Ignatian Associate Conservi (NE, WI, MN)
Ignatian Associates, Omaha
Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Omaha
Jesuit Middle School of Omaha staff
Mulumba House Jesuit Community
St. Benedict the Moor Parish
St. John's Parish

NEW JERSEY

Saint Peter's Prep
Saint Peter's Prep Jesuit Community

NEW MEXICO

Immaculate Conception Church
Jesuits of Albuquerque

NEW YORK

14th Street Jesuit Community
America House Jesuit Community
Brooklyn Jesuit Community
Brooklyn Jesuit Prep
Canisius College Jesuit Community
Canisius High School
Ciszek Hall Jesuit Community
Cristo Rey High School
Fordham Prep
Fordham University
LeMoyne College
LeMoyne Jesuit Community
Loyola Hall Jesuit Community at Fordham
Loyola School New York City
McQuaid Jesuit Community
McQuaid Jesuit High School
Mount Manresa Jesuit Community
Murray-Weigel Hall Jesuit Community
Nativity Mission Center
Spellman Hall Jesuit Community at Fordham
St. Andrew Hall Community
St. Anthony's Jesuit Community
St. Anthony's Parish
St. Francis Xavier Church
St. Ignatius Jesuit Community
St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
St. Ignatius School
St. Michael's Jesuit Community
St. Michael's Parish
Westbury Jesuit Community
Xavier High School
Xavier Jesuit Community

OHIO

Claver Jesuit Ministry
Gesu Parish
Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford
St. John's Jesuit High School and Academy
St. Xavier Church
Walsh Jesuit High School

SOUTH DAKOTA

Holy Rosary Jesuit Community at Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.
Kino Jesuit Community of South Dakota
Sioux Spiritual Center
St. Francis Mission
St. Isaac Jogues Parish

TEXAS

Houston Program Office of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps
Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas
Jesuit Community at Montserrat Retreat House
Jesuit Volunteers of Houston
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
The Jesuit Community of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

WASHINGTON

Arrupe Jesuit Community at Seattle University
SEEL-Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life of Puget Sound

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling Jesuit University

WISCONSIN

Arrupe Jesuit Community
Casa Romero Renewal Center
Gesu Parish
Ignatian Associates, Milwaukee
Jesuit Community, Oshkosh
Jesuit Journeys Editorial Board
Jesuit Retreat House
Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Milwaukee
Marquette University Campus Ministry
Marquette University Common Ground
Marquette University High School
Marquette University Jesuit Community
Marquette University JUSTICE
Nativity Jesuit Middle School
Orgullo Latino (Marquette High Hispanic Club)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
Pere Marquette Jesuit Community
Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Marquette University
St. Camillus Jesuit Community
St. Patrick's Parish
Wisconsin Province Social and International Ministry
Commission