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Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Pray for the *DREAM* Sunday

Your diocese/ parish/organization, in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Justice for Immigrants Campaign, is holding a candlelight or prayer vigil/press conference/Mass/etc. to support immigrant youth who desire to become Americans through the DREAM Act.

WHO: Students, families, faith leaders and representatives with **your city/diocese/parish**, in partnership with the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants campaign. Students, families and clergy from _____ who are **insert their involvement**, including:

Insert names, brief bios of local spokespersons and clergy leaders

WHAT: "*The Pray for the DREAM Sunday*": **Your diocese/parish/organization's** families, youth and clergy are joining with parishes from across the country to host **candlelight or prayer vigils/events/Masses/etc.** in support of our immigrant youth. This includes supporting the DREAM Act and asking President Obama to show moral leadership and vision by protecting vulnerable populations including DREAM Act eligible youth from detention and deportation.

WHEN: **Time, Sunday, September 25th, 2011**

WHERE: **Location**

VISUALS: Clergy, members of religious communities, students, families, candles and signs saying "ready to serve" and "I want to be a teacher, nurse, doctor, etc."

More Information: Thousands of hard working young people who were brought to the United States as infants or children want to go to college, but instead can be detained and deported to countries they have never known. The DREAM Act would stop the injustice by giving students who have grown up and graduated from high school in the U.S the opportunity to earn legal status through college or military service. As Catholics, we support the DREAM Act because we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, allowing everyone to reach their God given potential.

Background on your organization