

## ***October is Respect Life Month***

USCCB resources are found at <https://www.respectlife.org/>

### **Pathway to Citizenship - Time to Call is Now**

Take 5 minutes today to tell your Members of Congress at this crucial time. People of faith are calling on Congress to provide a pathway to citizenship for millions of essential workers and their families, Dreamers, farm workers and TPS holders in the upcoming reconciliation package. The number and script are [here](#).

### **Catholic Climate Covenant - One More Call**

During this year's [Season of Creation](#), which began on Sept. 1 and ends Oct. 4, Christians on six continents are praying for restoration and acting on behalf of our common home. Maria de los Angeles Casafus Carrillo, a spiritual consultant to the Laudato Si' Movement, calls the season a time for humanity "to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together."

But as Pope Francis has made clear, it's also a time for "decisive, urgent action." That's why Catholic Climate Covenant strongly encourages all Catholics, leaders and lay people, to [unite our voices](#) this Season of Creation and call on President Biden and Congress to enact bipartisan, forward-thinking solutions to save our planet for future generations.

### **St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) support of families impacted by COVID-19**

As you recall, we welcomed an Afghan family at a St. Thomas More event during the summer. Said was a US / Afghan interpreter. Said and his wife have four beautiful children now residing in Camden County. We continue to support the family via our Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This past month:

- Members visited the family several times during the month
  - \$500 (up from \$250) of Aldi gift cards and one box of fresh produce were delivered.
  - Purchased school uniforms for the children.
  - A used car was obtained for when Said receives his driver's license.
  - The family's wife / mother had dental issues. Arrangements were made for a Dentist to treat her.
  - Catholic Charities is paying for the Father's OSHA on-line training course. This is to help him gain a job in his line of work. Currently he is working in a Bakery.
- You can help by sending a check to the Parish Office noting St. Vincent de Paul or do it online.

### **Solidarity Pilgrimage to the U.S. Mexico Border**

The pilgrimage has been canceled due to Covid-19 but will hopefully be rescheduled for the Spring.

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