

Resolution SS1617-12

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**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PETITION TO PROTECT AND EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH UNDOCUMENTED/DACA STATUS (DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS)**

*Whereas*, the University of Notre Dame has committed to uphold values of empathy, inclusion, and respect for marginalized individuals, especially its students and faculty, in accordance with Catholic social tradition.

*Whereas*, members of the Notre Dame campus targeted for their ethnic background and/or legal status have been victimized this past week by incidents of harassment, stalking, insults and abuse by fellow students.

*Whereas*, the University of Notre Dame, since 2014, has supported undocumented/DACA students with encryption and confidentiality of student files, policies against housing discrimination, and active protection against deportation, all in accordance with DACA.

*Whereas*, Notre Dame students and faculty have received 4,372 signatures in 26 hours for a petition called "Notre Dame as Sanctuary Campus" and respectfully call on Fr. Jenkins to do the following:

- "(1) Declare Notre Dame to be a sanctuary campus that will actively refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or raids.
- (2) Guarantee student privacy by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students and community members to any government agency.
- (3) Create an undocumented student program, with a full-time director, and free on-campus access to legal counsel. Create funds to assist undocumented students (and faculty, staff and students with family members) in need.
- (4) Assure that all students receive a campus, classroom, and community experience free of hostilities, aggressions, and bullying regarding immigration status. Communicate unequivocally and repeatedly that undocumented students are full members of the Notre Dame community who will be protected to the fullest power of the administration.
- (5) In line with the Catholic tradition of providing sanctuary to the persecuted, identify particular spaces on campus where those who feel threatened can seek refuge and protection." (Notre Dame as Sanctuary Campus)

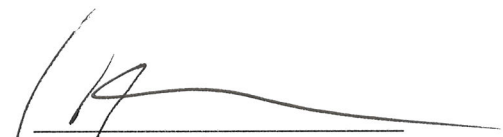
*Whereas*, these actions not only protect and empower students but also send a clear message of solidarity against hatred on Notre Dame's campus.

*Whereas*, Fr. Jenkins made a promise to undocumented/DACA students at a campus prayer service on November 14th, 2016, during which he said:

"You accepted our invitation to come to Notre Dame. You are part of our family. We will do everything we can to ensure that you complete your education, and you are supported in every way possible." (Emily McConville, ndsmcobserver.com)

*Whereas*, "as a Catholic campus with a well documented record of standing for social justice, Notre Dame is uniquely poised to be a national leader in the movement to create campus sanctuaries."

*Be it resolved*, that Student Senate publicly endorse <sup>the</sup> <sup>s.</sup> the "Notre Dame as Sanctuary Campus" petition.



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