

Immigration Bill to Move to the Senate Floor, Public Support is Needed

At this writing, as it moves through the amendment process, S.744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, remains generally acceptable.

The immigration reform bill soon will move out of Committee and onto the Senate floor for a full vote. *Now is the time to build strong, visible public support for its passage.*

Camden, NJ Bishop Dennis Sullivan, in a homily earlier this month, made clear the Catholic Church's desire for comprehensive immigration reform:

"Sisters and brothers, what I say is not new: The system is broken," he said, alternately speaking in English and Spanish to a mostly Hispanic congregation in Vineland, NJ.

"But now, *ahora*, we have an opportunity to fix it. And we accept that opportunity as our Christ-given mission so that the Kingdom of God can be strengthened and extended, especially among our immigrant sisters and brothers."

God, Sullivan said, "teaches us to welcome the strangers, to care for the least among us."

"We are keepers of our sisters and brothers. We pray, we beg that this message is heard outside these doors."

Please visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org to send electronic postcards to your members of Congress to ensure that our pro-immigrant message is heard.

In addition, efforts to organize for more immediate advocacy actions in the coming weeks must continue. Contact **(MINISTRY CONTACT)** at **(EMAIL AND/OR PHONE)** to express your willingness to be a part of these future actions.