

CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



FEATURED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY

Focus on DACA Application Assistance



Catholic Charities of Orange County serves their community in the following areas: CalFresh Outreach; Food Distribution; SNAP-Ed Nutrition and Obesity Prevention; Senior Housing; Disability Services; Immigration, Citizenship and Refugee Resettlement Center; Crisis Counseling; Parish Ministry; and more.

For more information about Catholic Charities in Orange County, visit www.ccoc.org

FAST FACTS

- 215 people received initial DACA application assistance with the help of Catholic Charities of Orange County
- 226 people received DACA Renewals assistance
- 900 people received citizenship

All data from January to November 2016

Andrei is a 19 year old undocumented young man who had felt trapped and did not know how to advance in the world, until he received hope from Catholic Charities of Orange County. He could not apply for a bank account nor a job because he had no social security number. He could not pursue a higher education because he could not work to pay for tuition. He lived at home, unable to contribute to family expenses and felt like a burden; his morale and self-esteem were at a very low point.

When Andrei's mother learned that Catholic Charities was offering free assistance with DACA applications, she encouraged him to apply. He was hesitant and worried he would not qualify. Timid and cautious, he made an appointment with his local Catholic Charities agency and brought as much documentation as he could to establish his physical presence in the United States. But it was insufficient, and Catholic Charities staff asked that he try to find more documentation and come in for another appointment. As he left the office, staff could sense that he felt defeated.

A few days went by with no word from Andrei. Staff called him and a few more days went by and still, nothing. It would have been easy to give up on Andrei and simply wait. But staff saw he was truly struggling and needed encouragement. They continued to follow up with him; reminding him which documents remained to complete the application. Three months later, Andrei arrived with the information in hand. After six months, his DACA application was finally approved. When staff called to give him the good news, he was both incredibly happy and surprised that his worst fear was not his reality.



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UPDATE ON STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Catholic Charities of California (CCC) invites you to join a seven-day walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago in Spain or Via Francigena in Italy!

Highlights of Walking Pilgrimages:

- All arrangements made by CCC
- Part of your trip cost will be tax deductible
- Quality accommodations with private bathroom
- Luggage transferred daily
- Walk at your own pace
- Meet other pilgrims from around the world
- Representatives from CCC will be on the pilgrimages to provide extra assistance if needed
- Receive passports and official credentials from pilgrim offices
- Transform your life

Cost:

- \$1,500 Double Occupancy
- \$1,800 Single Occupancy

Organize your own Pilgrimage:

Get together a group of 12 pilgrims and your cost will be covered or all pilgrims will receive a discounted price.

More Information / Reservations:

Visit our website at www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org
or e-mail Pilgrim@CatholicCharitiesCA.org

- To make reservations
- All other questions and inquiries or
- To make a donation

Join us for a walk that will change your life, while helping to support programs that serve those in need!



Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

UPDATES

The Catholic Charities statewide network of agencies has been awarded \$5.1 million by the California Department of Social Services Immigration Services Program to provide Immigration legal services and education and outreach to over 20,000 immigrants over the next year. This is the second consecutive award for the network, where over 11,700 immigrants have been served since January 2016.

Since January of 2016, Local Catholic Charities Organizations (LCCOs) utilized funds to provide no-cost legal representation and other legal services to 2,570 immigrants and to deliver education and outreach services to over 9,200 immigrants. With second-round funding, LCCOs will provide legal representation and other legal services to approximately 10,730 additional immigrants, and expand education and outreach efforts to at least 10,000 more people.

Services funded by the CDSS Immigration Services Program, and delivered by Catholic Charities with this funding, include: DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) application and renewal assistance; DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents) screening and document preparation services; Naturalization application assistance; and Other Immigration Remedy application assistance (for example, U-Visas).

NOTE: Due to uncertainty at the federal level regarding the future of DACA, Catholic Charities organizations are advising anyone who has not yet applied for DACA to refrain from doing so at this time, and anyone who is eligible to renew DACA to do so as soon as possible. In addition, Catholic Charities advise anyone needing immigration legal services to seek assistance from a trusted non-profit organization.

