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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace and a soul generated by love.” Coretta Scott King

Farm Bill

In a few weeks, Congress will vote on the 2026 Farm Bill. Global humanitarian aid from the United States has literally ended. However, two critical programs, **Food for Peace** and the **McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program**, remain in the Farm Bill, though their future is at risk. For decades, these programs have helped feed billions of people worldwide, combating global hunger and supporting childhood education in the most vulnerable communities. As faith-filled people, we are called to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable.

https://maryknollogc.org/action/farm_bill_2026/

SNAP Benefits

When Congress returns on April 13, members of the House will take up a vote on the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026. While this bill seeks to send additional funding to Homeland Security with possible supplemental war funding, it does nothing to aid those affected by SNAP benefit reductions from H.R. 1 funding cuts. Without additional funding, millions of people will lose some or all of their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Please ask the House to oppose this bill.

Urge Congress to Reject the House Ag Committee Farm Bill, Restore Critical SNAP Funding

https://secure.everyaction.com/4-QDuKNQ-0--QdARqSin_w2

Dream Act of 2025

While citizenship for children who were born to immigrants living in the United States, a once accepted right guaranteed by the 14th Amendment and known as “birthright citizenship,” is being debated in the Supreme Court, there is another group of immigrants whose future is uncertain right now, DACA recipients, who are known as dreamers. A bipartisan bill is asking for the thousands of dreamers who have lived and earned degrees and are contributing members of our country to be given legal protection and a path to citizenship. We are joining the Franciscan Action Network to advocate via Zoom in Senator Fetterman’s Office on April 16.

Symposium at Villanova: On April 29 at 5:15 p.m., the Alliance to End Human Trafficking will host a Symposium on Anti-Trafficking at Sporting and Other Large Events. Consider attending or viewing the livestream. The link to the livestream will be sent out closer to the event. Please see the attached flyer.

Action

1. Sign the legislation for SNAP
2. Attend the Symposium either in person or via livestream.
3. Visit the website for the Alliance to End Human Trafficking <https://alliancetoendhumantrafficking.org/>

Prayer

Pray with the Pope for Disarmament and Peace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSrOCQDFdFA>