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The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops acknowledges that the current immigration system is badly in need of reform and a comprehensive approach to fixing it is required.

We call for immigration reform that includes:

- First, broad-based legalization of those already present.
- Second, a temporary worker program for low-skilled immigrants.
- Third, restoration of due process to our immigration enforcement policies.
- Fourth, adjustment to legal status for DREAMers, who have spent most of their young lives in the United States and whose decision to enter the country illegally was made for them by their parents.
- Fifth, expands family reunification visas so U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents do not have to endure years of separation from their families.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we can reflect on the challenges faced by so many immigrant families and the human costs of failing to reform our immigration system. The time to pass just and compassionate immigration reform is now.