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'IF THEY COME FOR YOU, THEY COME FOR ME'

A 'dreamer' priest faces deportation—and a divided congregation

This is a portion of an article by Julie Zauzmer that appeared in the Washington Post on January 19.

The Rev. Rey Pineda is a DACA recipient. He's one of nearly 690,000 young adults granted temporary authorization to stay legally in the country that they were brought to as children — the only publicly identified DACA recipient who has used the authorization to become a Catholic priest.

Across the country, "dreamers" such as Pineda, 29, are at the center of a debate so contentious that it threatens to shut down the government. One side believes that anyone who broke the law to come here in the first place doesn't belong here now. The other side believes in granting a chance to people who came here as children and are now enmeshed in American communities.

The same debate is simmering at Pineda's Atlanta parish, where he leads a congregation of thousands of Hispanic immigrants and thousands of conservative white Southerners. It's a conflict about principles, such as fairness and culture, and welcome and security, and forgiveness. But it's also a conflict about what should become of their priest.

The parish where Pineda works is one of Atlanta's stateliest — the Cathedral of Christ the King. Built on land that was once the national headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan before the cathedral's construction 80 years ago, the grand church is now home to a nearly 6,000-family congregation that is split racially and politically. Many parishioners voted for Trump.

"I would build the wall," declares Andy Smith on Monday, right after sitting down with a cup of coffee from the cathedral kitchen that is named in his honor. Smith's photo is right there, in a frame, recognizing him for his dedicated service as the church sacristan. "We're a sovereign country. We have a right to protect our borders. I would end chain migration, and I would definitely do away with the lottery."

But when it comes to immigrants who are already in the United States, and especially to DACA, Smith changes his tune. "They're taking care of business and their families, and they're already here. And the dreamers probably are the best of the lot. They're young. They're educated. Like Father Rey," he says.

The 79-year-old sacristan's embrace of the priest, and his leap from learning about the priest's status to supporting broader protections for the country's approximately 11 million undocumented immigrants, resembles the stories told by many church members.

When he first became a priest, Pineda thought his most important ministry would be working with immigrants like himself. But after a year and a half at the cathedral, he thinks his work with families who have never met a dreamer is just as crucial.

"What God was asking of me was to work with the nonimmigrant community, to be able to spread some light on this issue and be able to hopefully change hearts," he says. "Putting a face to it, and also being their priest, is a good place to be."

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather; the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.



READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

JANUARY 28 "Longfellow Alternative School"

School Staff and Administrators

School staff and administrators will speak about Longfellow Alternative High School, with special emphasis on the partnership with Holy Trinity. They will let us know what needs they have and will share ideas of how we can help. A handout will be available with lists of ways Holy Trinity members can be involved with this unique partnership.

FEBRUARY 4 "Annual Youth Recital"

We celebrate the musical gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual music recital in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 11

The middle school and high school youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast and the bake sale will support summer trips.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 12:00 P.M.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 114th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Five miles away from the cathedral's stained-glass grandeur, the parish has a second location: the Mission de Cristo Rey, a converted warehouse.

When Pineda preaches at the Masses in Spanish that draw as many as 1,000 people each Sunday, his message is one of solidarity. Most of the churchgoers here are undocumented, or related to somebody who is.

"They all know I'm a dreamer," he says. "When we pray, when we're nervous about things that are happening in the government around us, I always, kind of tongue-in-cheek, remind them: 'Don't worry. If they come for you, they come for me.'"

PARISH INFORMATION

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

"LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH DISCUSSION" JAN. 29, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Please join our discussion of two chapters of a recent book by theologian Marcus Borg: *Awe, Wonder, and Jesus*, and *Is Jesus God?* Copies of the chapters and a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend are available in the Community Room.

FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 18-19

Join us for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the ARC Retreat Center in Osceola, Wisconsin.

FARE FOR ALL FEBRUARY 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Fare For All will be at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, February 7, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. Shop for groceries and save 40% off grocery-store prices.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS FEBRUARY 2, 6:30 P.M.

The 20s, 30s and 40s group and Laura Bolstad invite you to Gandhi Mahal on Friday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. Escape the Superbowl weekend craziness and enjoy a relaxing dinner with new and old friends. This event is coordinated with Parents' Night Out. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 12-1:30 P.M.

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 12-1:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by February 18, so we know to look for you.

FARE FOR ALL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Fare for All needs a few additional people with strong backs on our Holy Trinity team. It requires about 3 hours of volunteer time; 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., one Wednesday/month. You'll be volunteering with fun folks on this outreach program. For more details contact Mary Ann Sheets, maryannsheets@icloud.com or Juliann Breting Rohn, juliann32@comcast.net.

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PARISH EVENTS January 28-February 3, 2018

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Annual Meeting
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:30-8:30 pm	Last Monday Discussion
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 28, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Julie Cahoy	Assisting Minister	Sharon Englund
Grayson Wiczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Lowenna Rian-Fairley, Kennet Rian-Fairley
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Cliff Brown
Kevin Proescholdt, Liz Rudrud	Communion	Allison Heist, Lee Kampinen
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Betty and Dick Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, De Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, Riley Conway, George Madich
Donna and Elsie Heyer	Coffee Servers	Annual Meeting
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Deb Helmelt, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	John Sulzbach

Financial Report	January 21	Year to date
Budget Receipts	12,332.21	59,964.44
CTUL	20.00	20.00
Opening Doors	6,082.37	7,377.61
World Hunger	62.00	77.00