



## April 24 – 30, 2017 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

April 29<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Trump in office. Immigrants and their families have experienced much pain through the Executive Orders which lead to detention and deportation. There has been a ban on Muslims countries and a lower acceptance of refugees.

Please look at <http://sites.northwestern.edu/first100days/> at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law on Immigration in the First 100 Days.

The following two reports have good helps on immigration and the first 100 days: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/reports/2017/04/20/430736/facts-immigration-today-2017-edition/> and <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/powerpoints/Trump-100Days-FINAL.pdf>

### **Action One: Prayer -- Deportees and Broken Families**

For immigrant families, suffering in the shadows from poverty and brokenness, may God bless them and protect them as we all work for a reform of the immigration laws. Let us pray to the Lord

For immigrant families searching for life and dignity, that they may find it wherever God leads them as we work together for conversion of hearts and minds. Let us pray to the Lord.

For immigrant families living in fear of separation, that they may find Peace and Hope in God's call to live as one family, sisters and brothers to all, doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

For immigrant parents, who have been deported from this country, that their fears for their children are eased and their Hope of reuniting be realized. Let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have been deported from this country, may God bless them and protect them from harm as we continue to work for immigration reform through a conversion of hearts and minds. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**Mayor Rahm Emanuel: Expand Sanctuary City:** <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/chicago-welcoming-city/?t=3&akid=7301.364373.fOawc2>

**Take Action: Congress Must Block the Waste of Money on Trump's Wall and Massive Deportation Machine:** <http://www.aila.org/takeaction#/30>

**Call Senator Tim Kaine at (202) 224-4024 and Senator Mark Warner at (202) 224-2023 and ask them to urge ICE to #BringKenaultHome so his family can be reunited. Below is a sample script you can use:**

*Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME]. I'm calling to ask Senator [KAINE or WARNER] to urge U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to bring Kenault Lawrence home so he can reunite with his wife and five-year-old son. Kenault was deported four years ago because of old marijuana convictions. Last year more than 4,000 people signed a petition supporting Kenault's return and now VICELAND is featuring Kenault's story in an episode airing tonight. I urge Senator [KAINE or WARNER] to reject policies that separate families and demonize people of color, and do everything he can to bring Kenault Lawrence home. Thank you.*

## Tell Secretary Kelly: Bring DACA-Recipient Juan Back from Mexico!

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-secretary-kelly-bring-daca-recipient-juan-back-from-mexico>

CALL TO ACTION: Tell Congress to Oppose Funding for Trump's Wall, Deportation Force & Detention Centers

**CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY!** Your Senators and Representatives: (866) 961-4293\* *\*Please call this line 3 times to be connected with your 1 Representative and 2 Senators*  
*Sample Script: "I'm your constituent from [City, State, Zip Code], and I urge you to NOT fund President Trump's wall, deportation force and detention centers, and instead do everything in your power to rescind his immigration and refugee executive orders. Our tax dollars should be spent alleviating poverty and investing in our future — not rounding up our community members. My community welcomes refugees and immigrants." (Please also share a personal story about why welcoming immigrants and refugees is important to you, your community, etc. Let them know the specific ways that immigrants and refugees contribute and are welcomed in your community.)*

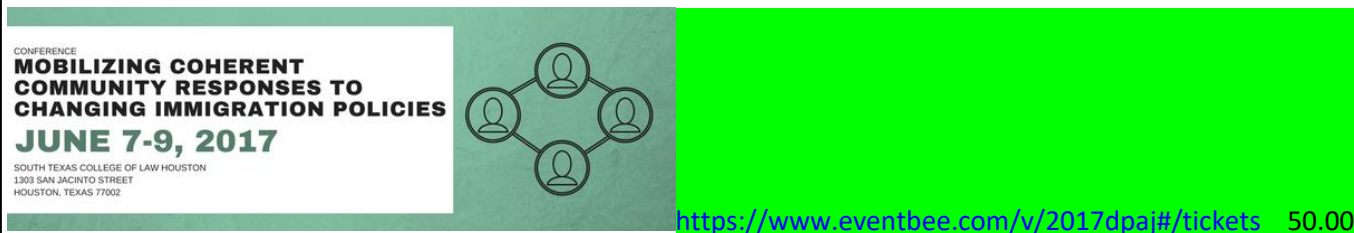
## Action Three: Education

**Top 5 Ways That Refugee Communities Can Rise Up on May 1st National Day of Action:**

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/riseuprefugeeactions/>

**BONDS:** Here is a useful handout by the Florence Project, <http://firrp.org/media/Bond-Guide-2013.pdf> that is also useful on helping clients get a bond in the first place. The bond company **Libre by NEXUS** was his special nightmare! <https://www.librebynexus.com/faq>

**The full report** can be found here: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/reports/2017/04/20/430736/facts-immigration-today-2017-edition/>



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## Action Four: Actions/Events

**May 1:** Rally at Union Park - March from Union Park to Daley Plaza 4pm - Rally at Daley Plaza ...

**MAY 6: SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF IMMIGRANTS:** "Blessed and Broken: Immigration and the Eucharist" 8:30-12 PM, Regina Dominican HS, 701 Locust Rd, Wilmette, 312-641-1250 x113

**MAY 8: ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION MINISTRY:** KEEP HOPE ALIVE Annual Benefit, St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago; 6:30-9 PM, Hosted by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich; info Mark Goebel, 312-534-8383 or [mgoebel@archchicago.org](mailto:mgoebel@archchicago.org)

## Action Five: Social Media:

tweet @ your [Senators/Representatives](#) with these messages:

- .@HANDLE, show that #AmericaWelcomes. Refuse to fund Trump's wall, deportation force & detention centers #NoBanNoWallNoRaids
- .@HANDLE, stop Trump from targeting refugees and immigrants. Don't fund his deportation force. #NoBanNoWallNoRaids

**Thank you for your efforts!**