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What's Happening?

ICE can deputize Chgo police as “custom officers”, worrying advocates - Chicago Sun Times

Judge blocks Trump policy allowing states to refuse refugees - Houston Chronicle

Asylum seekers forced to wait in Mexico get video access to attorneys in US - Dallas Morning News

Guatemalan, fearing reprisals in homeland, allowed to challenge deportation - SF Chronicle

Judge says Trump can separate families at border, refuses to second guess govt - LA Times

Common mistakes can cost immigrants their green cards - Miami Herald

Trump asks Supreme Court to let immigrant ‘public charge’ rule take effect - CNN

US put asylum seekers on planes to Guatemala, without info on destination - Wash Post

Immigration ‘tent courts’ aren’t allowing full access to the public, attorney says - BuzzFeed

Asylum agreement with Central American nations challenged - AP

Action One: Prayer

God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don’t know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. May we *Share the Journey* with one another, every day. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from Bread for the World)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen’s right to vote.

https://actionnetwork.org/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Ffact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F

NATIONAL LEVEL - Last week the House passed a resolution to halt further U.S. military action. Now the Senate must act to prevent war with Iran. Call your Senator and ask them to support the Iran War Powers Resolution. https://act.fcni.org/act/iran-war-powers?t=17&utm_campaign=lam&utm_source=ak&utm_medium=email&referring_akid=11750.163285.sm87WO

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress and Trump, NO GUANTANMO, NO IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL. Please sign the petition to close GUANTANMO now:

<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/close-quantanamo-petition-2020/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking asylum at our border. https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light_Darkness_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc_eid=9c9f057a6f

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change affects us all. Take action - sign the petition urging the Senate to act on climate change. <https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/InternationalClimateActioncopy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ed3708da-a5a1-406e-8483-545d282c3893>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge lawmakers to reform the broken American prison system and end mass incarceration. https://www.signherenow.org/petition/end-mass-incarceration/dailykos/e/?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-if-you-agree-ending-racist-mass-incarceration-starts-with-us-8&email_referrer=email_628916&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-ending-racist-mass-incarceration-starts-with-us

Action Three: Education

Immigrants: Avoid mistakes that make you lose US green card - <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article239175498.html>

The US immigration system is full of hurdles for pregnant women and new mothers - <https://theweek.com/articles/886690/immigration-system-full-hurdles-pregnant-women-new-mothers>

Immigrants to the US face stiffer headwinds in 2020 - <https://catholicphilly.com/2020/01/news/local-news/immigrants-face-stricter-laws-higher-fees-in-2020/>

Immigrants and native consumption of means-tested welfare and entitlement benefits (study) <https://www.cato.org/publications/immigration-research-policy-brief/immigrant-native-consumption-means-tested-welfare>

On the edge of America, census begins in a tiny Alaskan town - https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation/on-the-edge-of-america-census-begins-a-tiny-alaska-town/?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning+Brief+1-20-20_1_20_2020&utm_term=

ICE, judges deny protections for disabled immigrants in custody, attorneys say - https://link.sfchronicle.com/click/19212146.237125/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2ZjaHJvbmljbGUuY29tL2JheWFyZWVhYXJ0aWNsZS9JQ0UtanVkZ2VlZWZsb3V0aW5nLXB3Y3Rpb25zLWZvcj1kaXNhYmxiZC0xNDk4ODM1MS5waHA_dXRtX3NvdXJjZT1uZXZzbGV0dGVyJnV0bV9tZWRRpdW0_9ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NvbnRibnQ9aGVhZGxpbnVzJnV0bV9tZWRRpdW0_9ZW1haWwmdXRtX2NvbnRibnQ9aGVhZGxpbnVzJnV0bV9tZWRRpdW0_DJIMTMw/5bc4985b4843ea0c6242e130Ccebbec0f

Early reports warned migrant kids suffered from separations. Trump ramped up practice anyway. <https://publicintegrity.org/inequality-poverty-opportunity/immigration/migrant-children-family-separations/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=8dd81a29-d650-4571-b9b0-b8942d4be15d>

Legal immigration has declined under Trump - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/01/13/new-data-legal-immigration-has-declined-under-trump/#6f4c352d6e99>

Six children died in Border Patrol care. Democrats in Congress want to know why - <https://www.propublica.org/article/six-children-died-in-border-patrol-care-democrats-in-congress-want-to-know-why>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL
Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary **DIRECTIONS:** from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Remain in Mexico policy is inconsistent with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) statutory authority, while exposing thousands of people to extremely dangerous conditions before their asylum claims may be heard. Let's eliminate this policy. **Thank you for all your efforts!**