



Alert on Immigration April 29 – May 5, 2019

What's Happening?

Pentagon set to expand military role along southern border - Wash Post

Pope donates \$500,000 to help migrants in Mexico - CNN

Boston area judge charged with helping undocumented immigrant escape courthouse to elude ICE - NBC News

Government targeting immigration lawyers, activists, and reporters - Boston Review

Immigration judge calls Barr's move to deny asylum seekers bond hearings 'highly problematic' - The Hill

ICE holding \$204 million in bond money, some immigrants might never get it back - Wash Post

TPS immigrants pay \$4.6 billion in taxes each year - Vox

Christchurch attack survivors offered New Zealand residency - Reuters

Trump proposal would evict undocumented immigrants from public housing - Wash Post

Feds say marijuana ties could prevent immigrants from getting US citizenship - The Hill

Trump eyes action against countries with high visa overstay rates - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Come, O Holy Spirit! Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the diversity found in each culture, in each face, and in each experience, we have of the other among us. Come, fill us with generosity as we are challenged to let go and allow others to share with us the goods and beauty of earth. Come, heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of Christ in all men, women, and children. Come, free us to stand with and for those who must leave their own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a new land, one that has enough to share. Come, bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey. Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Progressive Caucus members introduced Savanna's Act, a bill that aims to fight the prevalence of violence among Indigenous women. Sign on now to tell Congress to

PASS Savanna's Act: https://go.weareprogressives.org/page/s/Pass-Savannas-Act?source=MS_EM_PET_2019.04.25_B2_Savannas-Act_X_F1_S1_C1_all

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Submit a comment on secure voting systems. Guidelines for what's considered a secure voting system in the US are being written which may include online. Submit a unique comment urging the ban of wireless modems and Internet connectivity in voting systems. Send comments to: votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Sign petition to close the Homestead Child Detention Center in Florida. All children deserve to live in safety and peace. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=20190410SWHomestead_FAC&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6c7dc020-ead4-48a5-8ab0-63b6c17ceb08

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep the path to citizenship open. Tell USCIS to reject the proposed changes to fee waiver eligibility.
https://advancingjustice.salsalabs.org/protectfewaivers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2f3d730d-4301-4987-9f79-c172046c706c&sl_tc=feewaiveremail

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress: #RepealTheBan and support the NO BAN Act.
https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/repealtheban-nobanact/?source=rtb_fan&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b2b4eff-52a6-4fac-bb56-43b7c6b84dc8

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell your legislators to support the No Ban Act. Urge your member of Congress to support a bill to end the Muslim ban.
<https://secure.everyaction.com/zJrWLOXMu0ul7TXwtySsYA2>

Action Three: Education

(Opinion) ICE wrong to deport husband of fallen soldier - https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/elviadiaz/2019/04/15/ice-wrong-deport-immigrant-jose-gonzalez-carranza-fallen-soldier-barbara-vieyra/3481414002/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c156db26fc-CLINIC_Daily_4-17-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c156db26fc-284015825

Apprehensive about ‘apprehensions’ (and ‘crisis’ and ‘record’) -
https://www.npr.org/sections/publiceditor/2019/04/16/712872424/apprehensive-about-apprehensions-and-crisis-and-record?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=0ca8bfe0d6-CLINIC_Daily_4-18-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-0ca8bfe0d6-284015825

Why this Arizona grandmother feels compelled to take in migrants seeking asylum -
<https://www.azcentral.com/in-depth/news/politics/immigration/2019/04/21/why-grandmother-takes-asylum-seekers-into-her-home/3358346002/>

Why has Australia fallen out of love with immigration -
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/22/world/australia/immigration.html>

Overstays exceeded illegal border crossers after 2010 because illegal entries dropped to their lowest level in decades
<https://cmsny.org/publications/essay-warren-042419/>

Left Behind - This American Life (NPR) <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/673/left-behind?>

How many migrants are crossing the southern border? How the acting DHS chief plans to handle the migration crisis - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/migrant-families-how-acting-dhs-chief-kevin-mcaleenan-plans-to-handle-southern-border-60-minutes-2019-04-28/>

The outrage of private prisons in America - <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/diaz/article/The-outrage-of-private-prisons-in-America-13799261.php>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL
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 and left at Beach Street.

Action Five: Social Media --@USSupremeCourt. A simple question, “Are you a citizen?” is another swipe at the power and presence of the undocumented and people of color.

Thank you for your efforts!!