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What's Happening?

Trump ramps up border wall construction ahead of 2020 vote - Wash Post

Voter registration error risks deportation for immigrants - AP

Border Patrol will employ elite tactical agents to sanctuary cities - NY Times

Native burial site blown up for US border wall - BBC

Migrant boy's mom sues US over son's medical care - AP

NY to sue US over its ouster from trusted traveler programs - YourCentralValley.com/AP

Justice Dept. sues over sanctuary laws in California, New Jersey and Seattle - NY Times

DHS memo considers how to punish states that deny access to drivers' records - BuzzFeed

Judge sides with couples suing feds over marriage interviews - AP

Crystal Lake HS senior, held in ICE detention for over 4 months, released - ABC7 Chicago

Trump admin puts pressure on completing deportation cases of migrant children - CNN

Action One: Prayer

Heart of Jesus full of love and mercy, watch over my sister and brother migrants. Have pity on them and protect them. They suffer mistreatment and humiliations on their way, are looked upon as dangerous by most, and marginalized for being foreigners. Help us to respect them and appreciate their dignity. Touch with your goodness the hearts of we who see them pass by. Take care of their families until they return home, not with broken hearts but with their hopes fulfilled. May it be so. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. (Prayer on the wall at CCAMYN (Centro Comunitario de Atencion Migrante y Necesitado) in Altar, Mexico.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to save asylum. Legislators must stop Trump's

"Remain in Mexico" policy from returning people to danger. <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/call-on-congress-to-save-asylum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7b8df859-3b01-4db1-b71e-f39b36a6d4c3>

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 - 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/forms/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%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention. https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshiQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJgVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVgOK4TQ7OEp7iAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMiPLCEERBX6JPYjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4

NATIONAL LEVEL –Please contact your MOC and ask them to co-sponsor and pass the NO BAN ACT (S.1123/HR 2214). This bill would ensure that no one is banned from our country based on religious or nationality based discrimination. Call Congress at 202-224-3121.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose Trump’s attacks on asylum seekers. Demanding that the Trump admin STOP attacking protections for those fleeing violence and poverty, to seek asylum. https://p2a.co/Ohoepit?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm_content=3754435

Action Three: Education

Report: Deported to Danger - US deportation policies expose Salvadorans to death and abuse - https://www.hrw.org/report/2020/02/05/deported-danger/united-states-deportation-policies-expose-salvadorans-death-and?fbclid=IwAR2PMBusoZPiPRoqLlrqZlbeOU9SynV2Ua5m1dldd6AAwK_jM0qNLMRZDRU&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7f709368-70f3-4d3a-889c-c60694a4b816

Borders kept our family apart - so we had three weddings - <https://www.vogue.com/article/love-story-three-weddings-borders>

US Hispanics top immigration policy goal: path to legal status for unauthorized - <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/02/11/path-to-legal-status-for-the-unauthorized-is-top-immigration-policy-goal-for-hispanics-in-u-s/>

US detention of child migrants - <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/us-detention-child-migrants>

Doctors Without Borders - No Way Out Report https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/sites/default/files/documents/Doctors%20Without%20Borders_No%20Way%20Out%20Report.pdf

An old cop visits the border - <https://www.stormlake.com/articles/2020/02/12/old-cop-visits-border>

Travel ban directed against US citizens, not foreign countries - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/01/23/travel-ban-directed-against-us-citizens-not-foreign-countries/#4cd5162d4cdc>

ProPublica: A group of agents rose through the ranks to lead the border patrol. They’re leaving it in crisis. - <https://www.propublica.org/article/a-group-of-agents-rose-through-the-ranks-to-lead-the-border-patrol-theyre-leaving-it-in-crisis>

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 25thAve, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Trump admin shouldn’t be deploying militarized CBP agents to intimidate Chicago and other cities that don’t cooperate with the President’s inhuman immigration policies.
Thank you for all your efforts!