



## January 18... Alert on Immigration

### **What's Happening?**

Resolutions will be introduced in the Chicago City Council and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that condemn the inhumane detention practices, reaffirm that each jurisdiction welcomes immigrants and offers refuge, and directs local law enforcement agencies to not cooperate in the raids. Rep. Hernandez and IL State Sen. Martinez plan to introduce a similar resolution.

“The city of Chicago for over 30 years has committed itself to being a sanctuary - a place where immigrant families regardless of their documentation status have a safe place to live and raise a family without fear that their city government will collaborate with ICE to deport them,” said Ald. Ramirez-Rosa. “We are sending a strong message as a Latino Caucus joining with the Cook County government: ICE is not welcome to conduct raids in our community.”

ICE officials have stated that these raids are targeted only at immigrants who have exhausted all possible legal options, but the Board of Immigration Appeals has temporarily halted the deportation proceedings for at least a dozen of the 121 immigrants detained by ICE agents. These rulings have cast further doubt on the legitimacy of ICE tactics. According to ICE data, a majority of women and children in US family detention centers have a reasonable fear of persecution if returned to their home countries. Further, these raids have instilled a pervasive fear in immigrant communities where individuals fear they may be swept up in ICE raids despite their status.

(Adapted from ICIRR)

### **Action One: Prayer**

For all those who see home and all it means disappear behind them. For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them. For all those who dwell in daily insecurity. For all those who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads. For all families in migration we pray. Still weary, still seeking. Still so far to go.

(Prayer by Jane Deren)

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

**Call your Senators EVERYDAY leading up to the vote on Wednesday this week: Urge them to vote NO to HR 4038 (1-866-940-2439)**

Sample Script: *“I’m a constituent from [State] and I support the resettlement of Syrian and Iraqi refugees. I am opposed to any bill that would stop or pause the resettlement of refugees of any nationality or religion. I urge the Senator to vote NO to H.R. 4038, The American SAFE Act.”*

**President Obama: Stop the Raids!** [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/president-obama-stop-59?source=s.fb&r\\_by=326945](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/president-obama-stop-59?source=s.fb&r_by=326945)

**Call the White House at 1-866-961-4293 or the White House Comment Line directly at 1-888-907-2053:**

Sample Script: *“I am from City, State, and as a Catholic/person of faith, I urge President Obama to immediately STOP plans to deport Central American children and families. These individuals are refugees fleeing violence and should have access to legal counsel so that they can apply for asylum and protection in the United States.”*

**Stop the Deportation Raids against Central American Refugees:**

[http://act.presente.org/sign/stoprads/?referring\\_akid=a4843200.106609.eryTc6&source=copy\\_thanks\\_email](http://act.presente.org/sign/stoprads/?referring_akid=a4843200.106609.eryTc6&source=copy_thanks_email)

**Tell the Administration to Stop the Raids:** <http://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/tell-the-obama-administration-stop-the-raids-on-central-american-refugees>

**Tell Obama to Call off the Raids against Immigrant Families:** [https://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/tell-president-obama-to-call-off-raids-against-immigrant-families?sp\\_ref=167551883.4.136309.o.1.2&source=clickcopy\\_sp](https://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/tell-president-obama-to-call-off-raids-against-immigrant-families?sp_ref=167551883.4.136309.o.1.2&source=clickcopy_sp)

### **Action Three: Education**

**Immigration 201:** Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights; 208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago; Monday, January 25, 2016, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; \$10.00. For more information, call 847-853-8889 or email [advocacy@ncjwcns.org](mailto:advocacy@ncjwcns.org). Registration <http://ncjwcns.org/immigration/>

Bishop Elizondo & Bishop Vann's Letter to Jeh Johnson on Raids: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/bishops-statements/upload/Letter-to-Jeh-Johnson-on-Deportations.pdf>

President Barely Mentions Immigration in State of Union Address: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/president-barely-mentions-hot-button-issue-of-immigration/2016/01/12/fc475f40-b93a-11e5-99f3-184bc379b12d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/president-barely-mentions-hot-button-issue-of-immigration/2016/01/12/fc475f40-b93a-11e5-99f3-184bc379b12d_story.html)

ICIRR Joins Cook County Commissioner Chuy Garcia to announce City, County and State resolutions condemning raids: <http://icirr.org/content/commissioner-garcia-ald-ramirez-rosa-state-rep-hernandez-announce-resolutions-condemning-imm>

CLINIC Comments on Implications of Deportation Push: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/dhs-announces-arrests-deportations-groups-scramble-warn-immigrants-n490011>

### **Action Four: Events/Resources**

**Justice for Immigrants Webinar on ICE Raids:** Jan.20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm CST

**Immigration Raids Alert:** <http://www.nilc.org/raidsalert2016.html>

**Know Your Rights Resources:** <https://afsc.org/category/topic/know-your-rights> and <http://immigrantdefenseproject.org/community-trainings#homerails>

**National Migration Month Resources:** OIA: <http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/resources/migrationweek2016/>  
USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/>

**Catholic Social Ministry Gathering: Called to Live Mercy in Our Common Home – Jan.23-26, 2016**  
More information/registration: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/138516/321289/>

**Please consider a gift to help the ongoing needs of the CARA Project – you can access the Amazon Wish List here:** [http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2NM5FBYOV8T4X/ref=cm\\_wl\\_huc\\_view](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2NM5FBYOV8T4X/ref=cm_wl_huc_view)

**USCCB/MRS Response Toolkit on Syrian Refugee Crisis:**  
<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=1e4b787c-d419-47aa-922a-b60cc6084781&c=e318aa20-7917-11e3-9195-d4ae52754950&ch=e4621a10-7917-11e3-91b7-d4ae52754950>

### **Action Five: Social Media**

**Twitter:** Access your member of Congress' twitter handle at <http://stuffthought.com/blog/113th-congress-twitter-handles/>

**Sample Tweet:** .@WhiteHouse As a person of faith I am OPPOSED to your plans to deport Central American kids and families who need PROTECTION. #Not1More

@DHSgov @POTUS Children are fleeing violence, we must protect them not deport them

#ProtectionNotDeportation @NALACC\_ORG

**Thank you for your efforts!**