



July 16 - 22, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

New USCIS Policy Will Carry Harsh Consequences for Applicants – Forbes

New Supreme Court decision could upend thousands of deportation cases in setback for immigration hard-liners - LA Times

Hundreds of Migrant Families will be released wearing ankle monitors, effectively returning the US to a “catch and release” policy - NY Times

As Migrant Families Are Reunited, Some Children Don't Recognize Their Mothers - NY Times

Parents struggle to reclaim their children from office of refugee resettlement - The New Yorker

Migrant families who enter at legal ports are rarely separated, custom officials say - NY Times

Pentagon says it won't pay for housing of immigrants - Politico

Action One: Prayer

Dear God, our journey through life is long and hard. We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey. You promised to send us a helper, your Spirit. Help us to see your Spirit in those you send to journey with us. In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence, let us see your Spirit. In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables, let us see your Spirit. In the asylum seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family, let us see your Spirit. In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world, let us see your Spirit. Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, you are present. Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well: the invitation to conversion, communion, and solidarity This is the help you have sent: we are not alone. We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks. Amen. [Rev. Enock De Assis]

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Secretary Azar: Reunite Families Now. Sign the petition:

https://secure.phr.org/secure/tell-secretary-azar-reunite-families-now?cid=701f40000012KQAAA2&ms=Email_FY19JulFmlySep_Actalr1&utm_campaign=125765_%28non-signers%29%20HSS%20Action&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Physicians%20for%20Human%20Rights&dm_i=4GV7,2P1H,1IFFC0,AIX6,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Reunite Immigrant Children & Families. Sign the petition demanding that the Trump admin reunite families now.

<https://act.myngp.com/Forms/6342569033474771456?midqs=2UUmWyugXZ97ByvrJ8z2JA==>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Maria Marta Rodriguez came to the US in 2005, illegally. For the past nine years, she has checked in with ICE. She was seeking asylum from gangs and an abusive relationship. Rodriguez was hoping to have more time in the US. ACTION: Please call MD Governor Hogan **410-974-3901** to support her and ask him to intervene and release her.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Until Aug 7th, the public has the ability to shape the 2020 census debate by submitting a public comment to the Department of Commerce. Goal of the Census - count individuals living in the US, regardless of immigration status. Process to finalize the questionnaire for the Census is underway. Please make a comment. Click her for the public comment form only on FIRM website: <https://fairimmigration.org/public-comment-on-2020-census/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Microsoft: Stop enabling ICE's anti-immigrant agenda. They sell Azure, a cloud computing service that provides everything facial recognition to ICE and makes millions in active contracts – off of Trump's deportation machine. Sign the petition: <https://act.credoaction.com/sign/microsoft-cancelthecontract?t=2&akid=29208%2E2678758%2EfkavKJ>

NATIONAL LEVEL - FREE ALEJANDRA, TRANS RIGHTS ACTIVIST SEEKING SAFETY. We can't emphasize how urgent Alejandra's health is: take action now and ask ICE to release Alejandra. <https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/25608/action/1?ea.url.id=1440775&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Force Wells Fargo and other #BackersOfHate to stop funding immigrant detention. Sign the petition: https://act.credoaction.com/sign/wells_fargo_immigration?t=2&akid=29143%2E2678758%2ESjCO8n

NATIONAL LEVEL - Greyhound is voluntarily allowing Border Patrol to board their buses so they can racially profile passengers. Tell Greyhound to stop helping Border Patrol. http://act.colorofchange.org/sign/Greyhound_BorderPatrol/

Action Three: Education

What can you do to help asylum seekers, separated parents/children under our present immigration practices. The Immigration Justice Campaign was created to help with this. There are many tabs for advocacy, volunteering, donating, information on resources and actions all over the country. <https://www.immigrationjustice.us/home>

Legal Immigration Under The Trump Administration - Podcast https://www.npr.org/2018/07/08/627024804/how-legal-immigration-works?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=fa3a269d5e-CLINIC_Daily_07-10-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-fa3a269d5e-284015825

A new study blows up Trump's "catch-and-release" myth - <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/7/11/17525006/catch-release-families-border-trump>

Racial resentment is the biggest predictor of immigration attitudes, study finds - https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2018/07/10/racial-resentment-is-biggest-predictor-immigration-attitudes-study-finds/?utm_campaign=4bf80a2ca9-CLINIC_Daily_07-12-18&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLINIC%20Mail&utm_term=.623db5342312

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, left at Beach St.**

Saturday, Sept 15: Seminar sponsored by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants : "Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Responding with Love, Mercy and Justice"; 8:15 AM-1 PM, Catholic Theological Union, [5436 S. Cornell, Chicago](#); free parking; \$15 early registration, \$20 at the door, free for students with ID. For more Info: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/e1dda9ed-f406-4eeb-a948-e2b86410a006>

Action Five: Social Media @DHS Can't claim family values if you don't value families

Thank you for all your support!