



October 23 - 29, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

300,000 immigrants from Haiti, Central America could lose protected status in U.S. – Chicago Tribune

Immigration Judges Warn Against Trump Administration Benchmarks - by Carrie Johnson, All Things Considered/NPR

DACA recipients wait on Congress for solution - by Ricardo Torres/Journal Times

Judge blocks Trump's latest travel ban order - by Josh Gerstein/Politico

Trump plans massive increase in federal immigration jails - by Alan Gomez/USA Today

Action One: Prayer

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your son, Jesus. Amen. (Catholic Campaign for Human Development)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to Pass the Dream Act 2017. Email Congress now.

http://edadvocacy.nea.org/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=396893&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxnAaj0adzyD0ebZLYSHDpL_iODCDak0awkvYpiX4F2-XTMNbzcZ3jzADijZt9AFsT8jbVjgImaf1Y3z_osOJmjvsVgUB1mkPpitCgYcBt8p6Y&lp=0

NATIONAL LEVEL - We're rallying faith leader and Americans to speak out in unison on one day. Que up a tweet or Facebook post to help us kick off this critical immigration campaign.

<https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/62875-immigration-reform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Scalabrini Intl Migration Network (SIMN) asks you to contact your US Senator at 202-225-3121. Express your opposition to the DOJ's plan to compel immigration judges to quickly deport persons from the U.S. in order to reduce immigration case backlogs.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the White House that we need to raise the cap to 75,000.

https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app326b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1119&NONCE_TOKEN=207232B157EFACA14BFBB5E5DF2B4DDF

NATIONAL LEVEL – All congregations please sign on to letter to send to IL Congressional Caucus asking them to support a clean DREAM Act.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqtVwG4hJ3NVQ1NHu9mukf20binfG1PcUQschILWXZAKohtw/viewform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump to Stop Spying on Immigrants. Sign the petition.
<https://act.presente.org/sign/dhssurveillance/?source=thankyouemail&aktmid=tm365408.M9416W&akid=a5839797.106609.IDiNqu&t=5>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Homeland Security to stop spying on immigrants' social media accounts - <http://act.demandprogress.org/letter/tell-homeland-security-not-spy-immigrants-social-media-profiles-letter/&source=demandprogress?t=1&akid=9929%2E2561280%2Er1ZINS>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Share The Journey - the Administration is considering how many people will find refuge from persecution in the U.S. for 2018. Contact Congress today and let them know that as a person of faith, you care about refugees. https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm_source=CCGP-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=migration-email

NATIONAL LEVEL - NAFTA is up for renegotiation. Help end a dangerous clause buried inside NAFTA. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), allows corporate execs to dispute a country's laws. When ISDS is included in trade deals, it has been hijacked by corporate interests and no longer serves the needs of the people.
<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.yqfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID. CALL TO HAVE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL: Please help push the STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities power to grant economic aid to students regardless of immigration status. Please provide 4 yr public universities with legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Call Reps: Dan Brady 217/782-1118; Norine Hammond 217/782-0416; Christine Winger 217/782- 4014; Sara Jimenez 217/782-0040; Natalie Manning 217/782-2316; Dave Severin 217/781-1051; Rita Mayfield 217/558-1012; David Olsen 217/558-6587; Jim Durkin 217/558-0494

Action Three: Education

Natl Immigration Law Center and UndocuBlack Network created this short video breaking down what should and shouldn't be included in a vote on the Dream Act. [Watch our video here to learn more details about what a clean Dream Act means, and share it with friends and family to spread the word.](#)

There was a 'giant picnic' at the US-Mexico border - http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/10/us/border-wall-picnic-trnd/index.html?sr=fbCNN101017border-wall-picnic-trnd0832PMStoryLink&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=616298902c-CLINIC_Daily_10-19-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-616298902c-284015825

Interfaith Toolkit to Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - click here
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVCgV9kqnn1jV3KsJUbcIQHSIVMD7j0vJkZ8KZGnENQ/edit>

Advocates find there's little to like in White House immigration plan -
http://catholicphilly.com/2017/10/news/national-news/advocates-find-theres-little-to-like-in-white-house-immigration-plan/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b43072210a-CLINIC_Daily_10-17-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b43072210a-284015825

Action Four: Action

MOVIE: The Sultan and the Saint <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/> The film is the powerful depiction of Muslim-Christian peace as told through the story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt. PBS will be airing the film **December 26th at 8 pm.** Check Local Listings.

The Franciscan Action Network staff, along with our partners from Unity Productions Foundation (UPF), JustFaith, and the Catholic Round Table have been working to develop tools and resources for you to use in the planning your watch party. Once you register your party, you will receive a discussion guide and organizer packet from UPF. You can even **apply to receive a \$250 mini grant** to help support your viewing party. <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/viewing-parties/>

Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dream2017 **Thank you for your efforts!**