



December 24 - 30, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Trump admin reaches deal that will force asylum seekers to wait in Mexico as cases are processed - Wash Post

Justice Dept. investigating migrant shelter provider - NY Times

Federal judge postpones further action on Trump's asylum ban - The Hill

Trump admin tries to cut soaring number of detained immigrant youths - SF Chronicle

Is denaturalization the next front in the Trump admin's war on immigration - NY Times

US agrees to aid for southern Mexico and Central America but not to deal on asylum seekers - LA Times

Immigrant powered campaign launches in Florida - Miami New Times

ICE detainees sue US over restricted access to lawyers - Bloomberg

Girl's death shows communication issues at US-Mexico border - AP

ICE arrests of non-criminal immigrants in NYC spiked this year – Think Progress

Action One: Prayer

Almighty God, as we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise to be present in the midst of your people, release us from the fear that holds human hearts and human communities in terror. Lead us to the manger to find you in the Christ child; turn us to the children in our midst to find your presence there. Bring joy to families who are safe and together; surround those who watch and wait with your love and abiding care. Amen. (Immigrant Interfaith Coalition)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - JFI action: Tell Congress to reject inhumane funding requests for immigration enforcement. It is critical that we, as Catholics, urge Members of Congress to avoid a shutdown – recognizing that several of the outstanding bills fund important refugee and immigration-related programs – while also rejecting funding increases for inhumane immigration enforcement efforts.

<http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=80584676&queueid=11784639991>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Shut down the immigrant's children prison. Imprisoning immigrant children is unnecessary, cruel and traumatic causing long lasting harm. Please sign the petition to shut these down: https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/shut-down-the-immigrant?r_by=326945&source=s.fwd

NATIONAL LEVEL - The first Muslim congresswomen in U.S. history haven't even been sworn in yet—and the religious right is already attacking them. As Christians, we reject Islamophobia and we have a special obligation to make sure Muslim Americans know that the religious right doesn't speak for Christianity. Tell Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib: Christians welcome you to Congress! Please sign the petition:

https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/muslim_congresswomen/?t=1&akid=1349%2E394792%2E5dkOLe

NATIONAL LEVEL - SIMN asks you to contact your MOC's (Senate: 202-224-3121 + House: 202-225-3121) to request that they oppose funding for the border wall along the US - Mexico border.

NATIONAL LEVEL - ACLU attorneys met with Greyhound to educate them on their 4th Amendment Right to refuse searches without a warrant or probable cause. But they're still letting CBP board their buses. We'll deliver this petition soon to show Greyhound the cost of being complicit in the Trump administration's deportation machine. We need as many signatures as possible – add your name now. <https://action.aclu.org/petition/greyhound>

Action Three: Education

Patrolling a land of secret signals and signs on the Texas-Mexico border -

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-na-roma-texas-border-patrol/#nt=oft-Single%20Chain~Flex%20Feature~hp~cp~roma-help-4am~~2~no-art~curated~curatedpage&nws=mcnewsletter>

In immigrant children's shelters, sexual assault cases - https://www.propublica.org/article/boystown-immigrant-childrens-shelter-sexual-assault?utm_content=buffer183ee&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=buffer

Immigrant powered campaign launches in Florida - <https://www.miaminewtimes.com/arts/immigrant-powered-campaign-launches-in-florida-10932878>

Visualization: The United States is made of immigrants -

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90282121/this-stunning-visualization-proves-america-is-a-nation-of-immigrants>

The border wall will divide this Texas town, displacing or blocking homes - but where?

<https://latimes.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f089ecc9238c5ee13b8e5f471&id=abc1fb0537&e=644b98d4e7>

Dreams from the caravan - <https://go.sandiegouniontribune.com/la-times-communication/dreams-from-the-caravan/p/1>

'Remain in Mexico' is another brick in Trump's invisible wall -

https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/421497-remain-in-mexico-is-another-brick-in-trumps-invisible-wall?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=f40ea21279-CLINIC_Daily_12-18-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-f40ea21279-28401

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

First Fridays-Interfaith Services; other Fridays-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.

Sunday, Jan 6: Natl Migration Week Mass - Building Communities of Welcome

Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. 5:15pm - 6:15pm. Hosted by Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity - Immigration Ministry.

Sunday, Jan. 13: Share the Journey Interfaith Prayer Service - 4-5pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Hosted by Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. Free parking available north of the church. For more info, contact: mgosch@viatorians.com

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse There is nothing less Christian than building a wall to turn away refugees who are seeking asylum. **Thank you for all your efforts.**