



December 10 - 16, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

- Trump admin is considering making people pay for the right to apply for asylum - BuzzFeed
- ICE arrested undocumented adults who sought to take in immigrant children - SF Chronicle
- Asylum claims jump despite Trump's attempt to limit immigration - NY Times
- US starts to withdraw troops from Trump border mission - AP
- Mexico once say migration as a US problem. Now it needs answers of its own - NY Times
- Federal appeals court rules against another immigration crackdown attempt - Politico
- Texas sues San Antonio PD for releasing migrants to Catholic Charities - AP
- Mexico president says working with US and Canada on immigration plan - Reuters
- Asylum seekers in Tucson lose key tool in making their claim - Arizona Daily Star
- Pelosi pledges to pass the Dream Act with Democratic House majority - CBS News

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. May the image of the Holy Family fleeing oppression stay with us as we enter a New Year, and stay with us each night as we are blessed with returning to a home. May we also be blessed with compassion for those still weary, still seeking, still with so far to go. (Source: Jane Deren)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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 - CRLN needs your help to spread the word about detention facilities in Kankakee, IL and Tornillo, TX. Here is an online congregational sign on for supporting the Shut Tornillo Down Coalition and the Connect Kankakee campaign to stop housing undocumented immigrants at the that detention center. Tornillo:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCikKuEEx-LCoGFf3s3HyhdXn4owmXeCAwtBLGR2tnYo2jw/viewform>

Kankakee:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi5AcTqrKqzhjxQ0OEkeHH1NN9ejfN4qCmTb4uTgNNyDtOA/viewform>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Call Congress: Tell your Members of Congress to protect families and cut funding for detention, deportations, and border militarization. Call your MOC's at **1-866-940-2439** to urge them to reduce funding for detention and deportations.

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>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Greyhound needs to stop allowing the Border Patrol onto their busses to perform warrantless searches. Tell Greyhound to stop aiding Trump's deportation machine. https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/Greyhound_BorderPatrol/?t=4&akid=21972%2E364373%2E5HQpb9

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pledge to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum. In the face of this inhumane decision, we invite you to stand in solidarity with people fleeing violence and seeking asylum. Join the 4,200 who have signed the PLEDGE to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum. <http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/pledge-solidarity-asylees?source=LCWR>

Action Three: Education

Romero House: a place to call home for refugees in Toronto -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2018/11/29/romero-house-place-call-home-refugees-toronto?utm_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=a72c9565ec-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_03_05_58&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-a72c9565ec-111981633

Human migration is a pressing public health issue - <https://www.cnn.com/2018/12/05/health/migrant-mortality-advantage-study/index.html>

Trump hasn't needed the wall to remake the US immigration policy -

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/trump-hasnt-needed-the-wall-to-remake-u-s-immigration-policy/>

New Mexico border land for sale where Trump's wall was erected -

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/new-mexico-border-land-sale-762452/#nws=mcnewsletter>

Millions of US citizen children risk losing health insurance under rule change affecting immigrants, study says -

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/immigration/2018/12/04/millions-of-us-citizen-children-risk-losing-insurance-under-rule-change-affecting-immigrants-study-says>

America didn't always lock up immigrants - (Opinion)

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/01/opinion/sunday/border-detention-tear-gas-migrants.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=66ccc89b0c-CLINIC_Daily_12-04-18&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-66ccc89b0c-284015825

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.

Friday, Dec 14: XIII Annual Posada - Seeking Immigration Reform. (7a - 9a) 101 W. Congress Pkwy, Chicago. Route: From Correctional Center (71 W. Van Buren St), DePaul (1 E. Jackson Blvd), Fed'I Plaza and St. Peter's (110 W. Madison St). Join to walk/pray in solidarity with immigrant sisters and brothers who are seeking legislative shelter, "Posada." Hosted by Pastoral Migratoria, Archdiocese of Chicago. For info: catholicsandimmigrants.org or contact Raymundo Valez at rvaldez@archchicago.org or 312.534.8503

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 Immigration judges have denied a record number of asylum claims in 2018. That's wrong. Everyone who seeks to apply should have the opportunity.

Thank you for all your support!