



January 2 - 7, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Will Trump Start Deporting Dreamers if No Deal is reached in 2018? - Newsweek

Trump Administration Considers Separating Families to Combat Illegal Immigration - Washington Post

TRUMP'S TRAVEL BAN MADE HOMELAND SECURITY DEPLOY 'CRISIS' TEAM TO MANAGE CONFUSION, DOCUMENTS SHOW - Newsweek

The World Can Be Doing More for Refugees - by Bana Alabed/TIME

National Migration Week Mass - Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 - 5:15pm at Holy Name Cathedral

Action One: Prayer

God of the journey, God of the traveler, we pray for those who leave their homes in search new beginnings and possibilities, May they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country May find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship, We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation May find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Archdiocese of Chicago, adapted)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Defend Salvadoran TPS Holders. Faith leaders and organizations, please sign on to a letter in defense of 200,000 Salvadoran Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders at risk of losing protection. <http://mailchi.mp/cliniclegal/dacaanniversaryactionalert-1018201?e=2618847ce3> DHS is due to release a decision by January 8th. In addition to activating your faith community by joining our sign-on letter, tweet at and call DHS to keep the pressure on! **Call the DHS Comment Line! 202-282-8495**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress and urge them to vote for a #DreamActNow! Go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and use this script - "I am a constituent of [Rep ___] and I want him/her to support immigrant families and pass DREAM Act!"

NATIONAL LEVEL - Make your voice heard in Washington, D.C. #DreamActNow. Use the social media aids to share the Dreamers message - see the toolkit. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hxmDe99aDXssiGLYM21fvleOC7-drBeudq5K-NXCTHk/edit>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) asks that you contact the DHS at [202-282-8495](tel:202-282-8495) to ask for an 18-month extension of TPS for El Salvador.

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Francis Project is asking us all to send a letter to Congress telling them to pass the Dream Act. This is crucial, so, as a person of faith, please sign our letter today and forward it to your friends and family as well.

http://www.francisproject.org/dreamact?utm_campaign=121017_1844&utm_medium=email&utm_source=francisproject

NATIONAL LEVEL - DHS is expected to quadruple workplace raids. This case in Tennessee is an indication of what undocumented workers will face in 2018. Drop all criminal charges against workers in Tennessee

<https://action.mijente.net/petitions/drop-all-criminal-charges-against-workers-in-tennessee>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Faith leaders, please sign on to this letter urging the administration to extend El Salvador's TPS designation for at least another 18 months.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTPOGHvO7EH-K2P2CvxaSlfeq502WOyv8VIL8mKa8wPlwgaw/viewform>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to Support Refugees and Families

https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey-2?_ga=2.64109612.2057446534.1513611566-1665153002.1513611566

NATIONAL LEVEL - NAFTA is up for renegotiation. Help end a dangerous clause buried inside NAFTA. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), allows corporate executives to dispute a country's laws. <https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.ygfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

LOCAL LEVEL - Make a call with this script to demand the release of Wilmer who was wrongly detained. Dial **312-347-2400 (Press * when your call goes through): "I'm calling to urge Director Ricardo Wong to release Wilmer Catalan-Ramirez (A#098 500 300). He has been detained for 9 months without proper medical care. His health is decline and as a result he has experienced multiple seizures while in detention.**

Action Three: Education

'Let's Not Extinguish Hope in Their Hearts.' Pope Francis Calls for Empathy toward Migrants and Refugees - <http://time.com/5083672/pope-francis-new-year-message-migrants-refugees/?xid=homepage>

The 'Double Punishment' for Black Undocumented Immigrants -

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/12/the-double-punishment-for-black-immigrants/549425/>

DHS Adds New Requirements for Visa Waiver Countries - https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2017-12-15/dhs-adds-new-requirements-for-visa-waiver-countries?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=186a3cc3eb-CLINIC_Daily_12-19-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-186a3cc3eb-284015825

Action Four: Action

National Migration Week Mass - Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 - 5:15pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 N. Wabash Ave, Chicago. Mass will be presided by Cardinal Cupich. For more information: José Torres, Arturo Gonzalez, or Raymundo Valdez at 312.534.8103 or jtorres@archchicago.org, agonzalez@archchicago.org, or rvaldez@archchicago.org or visit catholicsandimmigrants.org

Interfaith Prayer Service - Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 4pm at St. Viator Church, 4170 W. Addison Ave, Chicago. Join Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, at the end of Migration Week. as they reflect on sharing the journey with members of diverse faiths and populations. For more info, contact: mgosch@viatorians.com

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