



May 22-28, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

May 24, 2017 - During the "cordial discussions," Pope Francis and President Trump expressed hope for peaceful collaboration between the government and the Catholic Church in the United States, that it may be "**engaged in service to the people in the fields of healthcare, education and assistance to immigrants,**" a Vatican communique on the meeting said. [CNA](#), Vatican City.

The Trump Administration Is Expanding Its Use Of For-Profit Prisons To House Undocumented Immigrants
[Emma Loop](#) BuzzFeed News Reporter

On May 16, Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho), introduced the Davis-Oliver Act, H.R. 2431. Davis and Oliver were law enforcement officers who were murdered by an alien returning to the United States illegally after being deported twice. **We need to watch and work on this.**

Across the country, immigrants are increasingly establishing guardianships to take care of their children and assets in case they are deported. By Maria Sacchetti The Washington Post

Faith organizations express disappointment that TPS for Haitians extended for only six months.

Action One: Prayer -- Response: Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;

To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;

To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;

To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;

To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Call on House Speaker Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell to Support Migrants and Refugees
- **Call your members of Congress by calling the U.S Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.**

Hello, I'm NAME from CITY, STATE, and I'm calling to add my voice of faith to the thousands of people across the country who care about helping vulnerable migrants and refugees. I am very concerned about the barrage of legislation that has been introduced in both the House and Senate in recent weeks targeting the most vulnerable, including refugees, asylum seekers, and migrant families and children fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries. I

am also concerned that legislation is looking to weaken oversight and accountability of immigration enforcement agencies.

Action Regarding SB 31, The Illinois Trust Act -- Please *CALL* your Representative regarding this bill. Sample scripts are below. Adapt or create your own. If your Representative was a co-sponsor when you received the first alert from me regarding SB 31, you do not need to call again to thank her/him for co-sponsoring the bill. If you did not call at that time, please contact your State (Springfield) Representative **NOW**. Co-sponsors as of this moment are Representatives E.C. Welch, Yingling, Hernandez, Mah, Feigenholtz, Chapa LaVia, Jones III, Cassidy, Martwick, Burke, Gabel, Currie, Arroyo, Andrade, Stratton, Soto. Passage of this bill is extremely important, given the current climate regarding immigrants in this country. Please ask for support of the bill if your Representative is not a co-sponsor.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel: Expand Sanctuary City: <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/chicago-welcoming-city/?t=3&akid=7301.364373.f0awc2>

CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS! Your Senators and Representatives: (866) 961-4293*
**Please call this line 3 times to be connected with your 1 Representative and 2 Senators Sample Script: "I'm your constituent from [City, State, Zip Code], and I urge you to NOT fund President Trump's deportation force and detention centers, and instead do everything in your power to rescind his immigration and refugee executive orders. Our tax dollars should be spent alleviating poverty and investing in our future — not rounding up our community members. My community welcomes refugees and immigrants."*

Action Three: Education

Budget: While dismantling U.S. leadership on international assistance and refugee protection, Trump's budget would increase funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by seven percent to deport members of our communities, separate families, and destroy communities. This includes \$2.6 billion to further militarize U.S. border communities, \$300 million to hire 1,500 additional deportation officers, and \$1.5 billion to expand efforts to detain and remove undocumented members of our communities. CWS

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8985881206544510978> President Trump's Budget and What's Ahead in Congress: What Every Advocate Needs to Know Thu, May 25, 2017 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT

The Know your **Webinar for the Somali community** is this **Saturday**, May 27th! Here is the link to the information on RCO's website. English: <https://therefugeecenter.org/learn-rights-free-online-training-somali-community/>

The Trump Administration Is Expanding Its Use Of For-Profit Prisons To House Undocumented Immigrants https://www.buzzfeed.com/emmaloop/the-trump-administration-is-expanding-its-use-of-for-profit?utm_term=.uuDK36ee9&utm_source=CLINIC%2BMail&utm_campaign=a39a74ea30-CLINIC_Daily_5-24-17&utm_medium=email#.muyaR044Q

When your child needs you and you are far away By Maria Sacchetti The Washington Post
http://www.sltrib.com/home/5285645-155/when-your-child-needs-you-and?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a39a74ea30-CLINIC_Daily_5-24-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a39a74ea30-279173657

Action Four: Action

Stand with Refugees – June 12-16 June 20th Refugee Day

Action Five: Social Media -- [.@WhiteHouse](#) As a person of faith I want the budget to a moral statement for all people. [Thank you for your efforts](#)