





## November 4 – 10, 2019

## What's Happening?

Trump admin to send asylum seekers to Guatemala as soon as next week - Wash Post New Trump health ins immigration rule temporarily blocked by Oregon judge - Wash Post Seattle suing Trump admin over an alleged immigration 'wealth test' - Crosscut.com Trump says Chad Wolf to be next acting DHS director - LA Times

Smugglers are sawing through new sections of Trump's border wall - Wash Post

Trump signs off on plan to cap US refugee limit at 18,000 in 2020 - NY Post

House lawmakers reach agricultural immigration deal - SF Chronicle

AG Barr issues 2 decisions limiting ways immigrants can fight deportation - NBC News

Teenagers are using their Quinceneras to boost the Latinx vote in Texas - Texas Monthly

DHS grants hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans an extra year to leave US - Axios

ICE will not enforce immigration laws during California wildfire evacuations - KTLA

HHS to shutter Homestead detention center on November 30 - McClatchy Wash Bureau

Admin using pilot program to fast-track deportations of asylum seekers at border - CBS News

## Action One: Prayer

Welcome! We gather here today in the presence of our loving God to reflect on the lives of our brothers and sisters who have been detained by the U.S. gov't in their search for a life, and especially to reflect on the children in detention, frightened, alone, hungry and cold. We come also to ask for the strength and courage of our God to act through us as we call for justice for these children and their families, for an end to child detention, and for a moral and humane response to all who come to our country seeking refuge. Finally, we come here to ask for our merciful God to bestow wisdom on our lawmakers so that they do not shy away from their moral duty and show compassion to all, especially the most vulnerable, the children, in their work to create a just, fair and humane immigration policy. Through the power of our faith and in the compassion of Jesus Christ, we ask that all human life be respected and that children seeking refuge be no longer detained, left alone and afraid, but rather that they feel the love, warmth, and welcome of a great nation. (Catholic Action with Immigrant Children)

## **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants. <u>https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4e</u>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Climate change affects us all. Take action - sign the petition urging the Senate to act on climate change. https://catholicclimatecovenant.salsalabs.org/InternationalClimateActioncopy3/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ed3708da-a5a1-406e-8483-545d282c3893 NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge lawmakers to reform the broken American prison system and end mass incarceration. https://www.signherenow.org/petition/end-massincarceration/dailykos/e/?link id=1&can id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-if-you-agree-endingracist-mass-incarceration-starts-with-us-8&email referrer=email 628916&email subject=sign-if-you-agree-ending-racistmass-incarceration-starts-with-us NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention. https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-childdetention?ms\_aff=NAT&initms\_aff=NAT&ms=190709\_immigrantrights\_detention&initms=190709\_immigrantrights\_detention&ms\_chan=eml& initms\_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6 JPviEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZIqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqqMo%3D NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking asylum at our border. https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylumseekers/?utm\_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm\_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light\_Darkness\_2019&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_f721035495fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc\_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc\_eid=9c9f057a6f **Action Three: Education** Trump admin won't renew contract for notorious child migrant facility https://www.forbes.com/sites/lisettevoytko/2019/10/28/hhs-wont-renew-contract-for-notorious-child-migrant-facility/?ss=cionetwork#3ec4e0e33a92 Refugees poured into Maine. Here's how it changed me https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2019/1028/Refugees-poured-into-my-state.-Here-s-how-it-changed-me The amount of money being made ripping migrant families apart is staggering https://www.thenation.com/article/immigration-ice-family-separation/ AG Barr issues 2 decisions limiting ways immigrants can fight deportation https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/ag-barr-issues-2-decisions-limiting-ways-immigrants-can-fight-n1073026 How Teenagers are using their Quinceaneras to boost the Latinx vote in Texas https://www.texasmonthly.com/politics/latinx-voters-texas-guinceaneras/ The troubling history of how America's Public Charge Immigration rule blocked Jews fleeing Nazi Germany https://time.com/5712367/wwii-german-immigration-public-charge/ Trump wants to let local officials veto federal immigration decisions https://www.salon.com/2019/11/01/trump-wants-to-let-local-officials-veto-federal-immigration-decisions\_partner/ **Action Four: Action** ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary DIRECTIONS: from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25thAve, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St. Interfaith Community Forum - Wed., Nov 6, "Fleeing for Safety: Children, US Asylum law and our role as citizens" - 7:30-9 pm at St. James Parish Center, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Viator House, St. James Catholic Church and the Arlington Heights League of Women Voters are sponsoring an interfaith community forum on issues facing children seeking asylum in the U.S. asylum in the U.S. https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0iop0q7yiCEOEVWUDNpYmJxc1NMWURLWXE4SUpjcjlLckV3/view Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Who will be harmed by shutting down the refugee resettlement program? Victims of violent conflict, American communities, families who are separated, our allies. ALL OF US. Thank you for all your efforts.