



December 18 - 24, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Trump is so desperate to get his border wall he wants to cut counterterrorism funding to pay for it/ Newsweek

A Large TV screen blasting immigrant stories will greet lawmakers in Washington DC every day until end of year - by Nicole Rodrigues/Newsweek

Chicago settles suit with immigrant falsely accused of gang ties - Nereida Morano/Chicago Tribune

Government Report Finds Immigrants' Rights Often Violated At ICE Detention Facilities - BuzzFeed

Action One: Prayer

God of light and life, we pray in great hope during this darkest time of the year that you shine your light on those living in the shadow of darkness, especially those who are undocumented with no path to permanent resident status or citizenship. To those who say, "Throw them out. Keep them out." we pray that you drive out their fear and change their hearts to be welcoming and inclusive. Enlighten our minds and hearts to welcome you in the "stranger" who is seeking posada (shelter) and knocking at our door. We pray that members of Congress have the courage to pass a clean Dream Act to allow our immigrant brothers and sisters to reach their full potential. Open the doors of our hearts and minds to bring about compassionate immigration laws that will allow for the fullness of life and belonging. May we bless all families and help us realize that every family is holy. In this season of Advent and in the spirit of the prophet Micah 6:9, may we strive to "act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God." Amen. Written by Sister Bernadine Karge, OP

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call Congress now 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 a clean DREAM Act before the 22nd!"

NATIONAL LEVEL - Make your voice heard in Washington, D.C. The DreamActTron is a giant and color screen with loud speakers that is placed outside of Congress in Washington DC, and will screen the stories and messages of all immigrants fighting for a clean Dream Act.

#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 call your Senators (202-224-3121) or Representatives (202-225-3121) and ask them to insist upon passage of the DREAM Act (S. 1615) by the end of the year.

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Francis Project is asking us all to send a letter to Congress telling them to pass the Dream Act before the end of the year. 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 - 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. When ISDS is included in trade deals, it has been hijacked by corporate interests and no longer serves the needs of the people.

<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.ygfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

LOCAL LEVEL - Make a call to demand the release of Wilmer. 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. I'm urging Director Wong to release Mr. Catalan-Ramirez before Christmas and allow him to receive proper medical care and be reunited with his family for the holidays."

Action Three: Education

U.S. Attorney General Calls for Efficient Review of Immigration Cases -

https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2017-12-06/attorney-general-calls-for-expedient-review-of-immigration-cases?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a06e16adee-CLINIC_Daily_12-8-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a06e16adee-284015825

The Deported - Immigrants Uprooted from the Country They Call Home -

https://www.hrw.org/report/2017/12/05/deported/immigrants-uprooted-country-they-call-home?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a06e16adee-CLINIC_Daily_12-8-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a06e16adee-284015825

Immigration wasn't part of the San Francisco trial for the death of Kathryn Steinle — but here's why it became part of the story -

https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-12-07/immigration-wasn-t-part-san-francisco-trial-death-kathryn-steinle-here-s-why-it?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=3b9d0ff388-CLINIC_Daily_12-13-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-3b9d0ff388-284015825

The children of a deported Owensboro man must immigrate to Mexico or enter foster care -

http://www.courierpress.com/story/news/2017/12/15/children-deported-owensboro-man-must-immigrate-mexico-enter-foster-care/916651001/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=311c1dd2cf-CLINIC_Daily_12-18-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-311c1dd2cf-284015825

A Catholic's immigration wish list -

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/12/12/catholics-immigration-wish-list?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=311c1dd2cf-CLINIC_Daily_12-18-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-311c1dd2cf-284015825

Action Four: Action

RALLY: TUESDAY, DEC 19, 2017 at 430pm at Federal Center & Plaza (corner of Adams & Dearborn streets) Chicago Join our Youth-Led Rally & March for a #CleanDreamAct! Join CRLN & other ICIRR members to urge Senators Duckworth and Durbin to stand strong and get a clean DREAM Act passed out of Congress before Dec 22nd!

RALLY: WEDNESDAY, Dec 20, 2017 at 3PM at Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago **#OurDream** is one of several national, DACA/undocumented led groups that have been organizing for passage of a CLEAN DREAM ACT. Planned visit to Sen. Durbin's office to urge him to 1) pledge to vote NO on any further CR to extend the Congressional Session and 2) pledge to vote NO on an Omnibus Bill that fails to include a CLEAN DREAM ACT.

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