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What's Happening?

Supreme Court allows Trump admin to enact public charge rule - Modern Healthcare

Illinois legal aid funds to help immigrants - Chicago Sun Times

Advocates see challenges in persuading immigrants to fill out census form - Wash Post

Immigration judges are quitting or retiring early because of Trump - LA Times

Supreme Court allows Trump's wealth test for green cards - NY Times

US now forcing asylum seekers from Brazil to wait in Mexico - AP

Border stops for people of Iranian descent sparks outrage - Politico

Trump curbs immigrants from 6 nations in election year push - AP

Action One: Prayer

Loving God, I come before you to pray for my brothers and sisters at the southern border of the United States. What we read of their suffering seems nothing less than a Passion for thousands. Little children crowded into cells where they scarcely have room to stand. Without decent sanitation or food, separated from their families, the older ones taking care of the younger. God of mercy, I believe that you live within whatever and whoever I am, the ground of my existence, its gracious cause and hope, its true future, its blessed promise of eternal life. But God of all, I am shaken in that faith when I read of what is happening on the threshold of my country. Are not the women and men and children there also vessels of your eternal presence? Many of them, most perhaps, from what we call the Northern Triangle, have indeed been baptized. But your incarnate Word is addressed to all of them. Your Spirit of freedom hovers over them. (adapted from Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress and Trump, NO GUANTANMO, NO IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL. Please sign the petition to close GUANTANMO now:

<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/close-quantanamo-petition-2020/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen's right to vote.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F

NATIONAL LEVEL - Add your name to this petition to protect Native American representation in the Census.

https://go.protectvoting.org/page/s/nativevotes_jan?utm_medium=email&utm_source=voterprotect&utm_content=3+-+We+still+need+2000+signatures+to+show+th&utm_campaign=VPP_EM_EN_200108_NativeVotes_U1_X2&source=VPP_EM_EN_200108_NativeVotes_U1_X2

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants. 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-bbf764553e4

NATIONAL LEVEL - NATIONAL LEVEL –Please contact your MOC and ask them to co-sponsor and pass the NO BAN ACT (S.1123/HR 2214). This bill would ensure that no one is banned from our country based on religious or nationality based discrimination. Call Congress at 202-224-3121.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose Trump’s attacks on asylum seekers. Demanding that the Trump admin STOP attacking protections for those fleeing violence and poverty, to seek asylum. https://p2a.co/Ohoepjt?p2asource=CHGAEMASYL02&utm_content=3754435

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: denounce Trump’s withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement. https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-denounce-trumps-withdrawal-from-the-paris-climate-agreement?source=2019DenounceParisWithdraw_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=319ec5f5-48f2-4d9e-86d4-606274af3624

Action Three: Education

Private prison giant GEO thrives in California, a state that wants it out - https://www.desertsun.com/in-depth/news/2020/01/24/private-prison-giant-geo-thrives-california-state-wants-out/2589589001/?te=1&nl=california-today&emc=edit_ca_20200128?campaign_id=49&instance_id=15515&segment_id=20724&user_id=b1ed32db9aa5ec222c34c6225116f467®i_id=8138644620200128

Gov. Greg Abbott says Texas nonprofits helping refugees should focus on homelessness. Refugee groups say it doesn't work that way - <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/01/22/texas-groups-greg-abbotts-wrong-refugee-money-cant-be-spent-elsewhere/>

Winners of BridgeBuilder Challenge work to improve lives for 70 million refugees - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/devinthorpe/2020/01/27/winners-of-bridgebuilder-challenge-work-to-improve-life-for-70-million-refugees/#4443416149dc>

TPS was meant to protect immigrants from global danger zones. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/01/27/tps-was-meant-protect-immigrants-global-danger-zones-now-thousands-may>

Trump’s New Rules About “Birth Tourism” Are Really an Attack on Birthright Citizenship - https://thebulwark.com/trumps-new-rules-about-birth-tourism-are-really-an-attack-on-birthright-citizenship/?utm_source=afternoon-newsletter&utm_medium=email

Board of Immigration Appeals greenlights deportation of immigrants eligible for and deserving of relief - <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2020/01/28/479839/board-immigration-appeals-greenlights-deportation-immigrants-eligible-deserving-relief/>

‘Get in Line’: what it takes to legally immigrate to the US - <https://www.npr.org/2020/01/24/799378739/get-in-line-what-it-takes-to-legally-immigrate-to-the-united-states>

Catholic agencies disappointed by court’s order limiting immigrant aid - <https://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2020/catholic-agencies-disappointed-by-court-s-order-limiting-immigrant-aid.cfm>

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 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Trump will find that most immigrants actually bring wealth to the country, not public charges. He should enforce reform to increase number of green card applicants. Thank you for all your efforts!