



## October 30 - November 5, 2017 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

DACA students stripped of in-state tuition in Georgia - Atlanta Journal Constitution

ICE Agents Are Starting to Text Immigrant Targets - by Doug Brown/Portland Mercury

Under Trump plan, refugees from 11 countries face additional U.S. barriers - Reuters

Tech companies to lobby for immigrant 'Dreamers' to remain in U.S. - Reuters

### Action One: Prayer

Come, O Holy Spirit! Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the diversity found in each culture, in each face, and in each experience, we have of the other among us. Come, fill us with generosity as we are challenged to let go and allow others to share with us the goods and beauty of earth. Come, heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of Christ in all men, women, and children. Come, free us to stand with and for those who must leave their own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a new land, one that has enough to share. Come, bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey. Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way. (USCCB)

### Action Two: Calls/Letters

**NATIONAL LEVEL –DREAMERS** Urge [these key lawmakers](#) to support the Dream Act. They are the swing votes that we need to secure in order to pass the Dream Act 2017 and provide Dreamers with a path to citizenship. Call or tweet at [dreamactoolkit.org](http://dreamactoolkit.org)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - We're rallying advocates, faith leader and Americans to speak out in unison on one day.** Que up a tweet or Facebook post to help us kick off this critical immigration campaign. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/62875-imarch-for-immigration-reform>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - The Scalabrini Intl Migration Network (SIMN) asks that you contact your reps in House of Representatives this week (202-225-3121) to ask them to oppose the Agricultural Guestworker Act of 2017 and H.R. 3711, the Legal Workforce Act. These acts want to amend the immigration act to make electronic employment eligibility verification mandatory.**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand with Children - read Wong U's story:**

<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/749def73-3d9f-4f27-a96b-6309ac6ff0c4> Tell Congress to Support and protect DREAMers: <http://action.stand.org/page/speakout/daca-letter-to-congress>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop Trump's Immigration Agenda.** Trump's campaign promises are becoming a reality. Act Now.. Call your senators - <https://www.hrw.org/immigrantsareus>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action Today! Tell Congress and the White House that You Oppose Pres. Trump's Latest Refugee Ban.** CWS has a new tool that makes it easier to call Congress, post on social media, and make your voice heard. <http://actnow.io/ZUYLi6E>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump to Stop Spying on Immigrants. Sign the petition.**

<https://act.presente.org/sign/dhssurveillance/?source=thankyouemail&aktmid=tm365408.M9416W&akid=a5839797.106609.IDiNqu&t=5>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Share The Journey - Right now, the Administration is considering how many people will find refuge from persecution in the United States for 2018. Please contact the Administration and Congress today and let them know that as a person of faith, you care about refugees.** [https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm\\_source=CCGP-email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=migration-email](https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm_source=CCGP-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=migration-email)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Homeland Security: Stop spying on immigrants' social media**

**accounts -** <http://act.demandprogress.org/letter/tell-homeland-security-not-spy-immigrants-social-media-profiles-letter/&source=demandprogress?t=1&akid=9929%2E2561280%2Er1ZINS>

**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>

**HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID. CALL TO HAVE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL:** Please help push the STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities power to grant economic aid to students regardless of immigration status. Please provide 4 yr public universities with legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Call Reps: Dan Brady 217/782-1118; Norine Hammond 217/782-0416; Christine Winger 217/782- 4014; Sara Jimenez 217/782-0040; Natalie Manning 217/782-2316; Dave Severin 217/781-1051; Rita Mayfield 217/558-1012; David Olsen 217/558-6587; Jim Durkin 217/558-0494

### **Action Three: Education**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** TheDream US. is a college access and success programs that provide scholarships to highly-motivated DREAMers who have DACA, TPS, or would have met the DACA eligibility criteria. The scholarship application opens November 1<sup>st</sup>. More information can be found here: [www.thedream.us](http://www.thedream.us).

**Interfaith Toolkit to Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - click here**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVCgV9kqnn1jV3KsJUbcIQHSIVMD7j0vJkZ8KZGnENQ/edit>

**In Virginia Governor's Race, Immigrants' Turnout May Be Key -**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/28/us/politics/virginia-governor-race-immigrants-northham-gillespie.html?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=b1b0d98234-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_10-30-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-b1b0d98234-284015825](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/28/us/politics/virginia-governor-race-immigrants-northham-gillespie.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b1b0d98234-CLINIC_Daily_10-30-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b1b0d98234-284015825)

**ICE Agents Are Starting to Text Immigrant Targets -**

[http://www.portlandmercury.com/news/2017/10/25/19417669/ice-agents-are-starting-to-text-immigrant-targets?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=7c6720ac55-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_10-25-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-7c6720ac55-284015825](http://www.portlandmercury.com/news/2017/10/25/19417669/ice-agents-are-starting-to-text-immigrant-targets?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=7c6720ac55-CLINIC_Daily_10-25-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-7c6720ac55-284015825)

### **Action Four: Action**

**MOVIE: The Sultan and the Saint** <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/> The film is the powerful depiction of Muslim-Christian peace as told through the story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt. PBS will be airing the film **December 26th at 8 pm**. Check Local Listings.

The FAN staff, along with our partners from Unity Productions Foundation (UPF) have been working to develop tools and resources for you to use in the planning your watch party. Once you register, get a discussion guide/organizer packet from UPF and even **apply to receive a \$250 mini grant** to help support your viewing party. <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/viewing-parties/>

**Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dream20** **Thank you for your efforts!**