



March 25 - 31, 2019 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Supreme Court upholds federal power to detain and deport immigrants for long past crimes - LA Times

Illegal immigrant detained by Border Patrol dies in Texas hospital - Washington Examiner

Remain in Mexico: Asylum seekers have their first hearings - CNN

Caravan of migrants in Mexico starts moving toward US - Reuters

Border Patrol says detention centers are full - and starts releasing migrants - LA Times

Immigrant officials accused of targeting faith leaders and religious groups - Religion News Service

Trump mulls deploying emergency disaster workers to detention centers - The Hill

Poll: More Americans want immigration to stay the same - AP

Supreme Court to rule on identity fraud by undocumented immigrants - Bloomberg

More lawyers, reporter stopped and questioned at border by US officials - NBC News

Action One: Prayer

God, let us not only be grateful if tragedies have escaped us. Let us also be transformed by your grace to repent of ways we are implicated in unjust policies that lead to tragedies upon others. Offer protection to those seeking new life. Amen. (Devotion by Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC's to protect refugees, asylum seekers and families seeking protection. Call them and urge them to protect refugees. <https://greateras1.org/action-alert-tell-your-members-of-congress-to-protect-refugees-asylum-seekers-and-families-seeking-protection/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to reject increased funding for immigration enforcement. Invest in alternatives to detention and expanded accountability.

https://cgrcengage.com/fcnl/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=496970&utm_campaign=lam&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ak

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 to ensure equal access for every American to vote. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-to-support-restoring-the-voting-rights-act?source=2019RestoreVRA_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType>EmailBlastContent&elid=29db9be0-1f50-4e09-ad25-4b33b439b229

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Support Sen Markey & Rep Ocasio-Cortez's resolution for a Green New Deal. It is expected that Sen McConnell will call for a vote on the Green New Deal early this week. Climate change affects us all and impacts refugees. Sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-congress-support-sen-markey-rep-ocasio-cortezs-resolution-for-a-green-new-deal?source=franciscanactionnetwork&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2744039a-c574-4d55-8471-8ef9e07d7ed1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - From JFI: Ask the Department of Homeland Security to Rescind the "Remain in Mexico" Policy and Support Asylum Seekers by Following Existing Law. Go to: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/ask-the-department-of-homeland-security-to-rescind-the-remain-in-mexico-policy-and-support-asylum-seekers-by-following-existing-law/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress that refugees and asylum seekers deserve safety - not walls and bars. Sign now to tell Congress, we must stop criminalizing people who are seeking refuge:

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/16725/action/1?ac=W1902EARMR2&ea.url.id=1759482&forwarded=true>

Action Three: Education

ICE raids North Carolina after local authorities end cooperation -

https://www.wbur.org/npr/704039113/ice-raids-north-carolina-after-local-authorities-end-cooperation?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=8495b4aaaf-CLINIC_Daily_3-19-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-8495b4aaaf-284015825

Opinion - I am an immigrant. Someday you might be one too. -

https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2019/03/16/immigration-activist-takes-sanctuary-in-denver-church/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=8495b4aaaf-CLINIC_Daily_3-19-19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-8495b4aaaf-284015825

After five months Central American “exodus”, migrants remain in precarious conditions -

https://www.alianzaamericas.org/after-five-months-of-central-american-exodus-migrants-remain-in-precarious-conditions/?utm_source=NewsLetter-AlianzaAmericas&utm_campaign=77c82f9403-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_03_20_03_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7a868ad2e9-77c82f9403-52499795

Immigration officials accused of targeting faith leaders and religious groups -

<https://religionnews.com/2019/03/20/immigration-officials-accused-of-targeting-faith-leader-and-religious-groups/>

REC preview: Q&A with Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ https://angelusnews.com/news/pablo-kay/rec-preview-ga-with-sister-norma-pimentel-mj?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=9405b8e1da-CLINIC_Daily_3-21-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-9405b8e1da-284015825

Exclusive: DHS data shows growing surge of migrants at the border - https://www.axios.com/immigration-surge-migrant-families-southern-border-dhs-ce83285d-5275-45f5-bbaf-df707ad545d2.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axiosam&stream=top

The Courthouse trap -

<https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/wp-content/uploads/TheCourthouseTrap>.

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL. First Fridays-Interfaith Services; other Fridays-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.

The Immigration Advocacy History Project at Loyola University Chicago. The exhibit, "Stand Strong on the Side of Righteousness: Immigration Advocacy, Past and Present" runs through the end of April. The exhibit draws from interviews with immigration advocates, is now open until the end of April on the second floor of Damen Center (6511 N. Sheridan Rd) at the Loyola University Chicago Lakeshore Campus. An online version will be available in April.

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse There is nothing less Christian than building a wall to turn away refugees who are seeking asylum.

Thank you for all your efforts.